November 22nd, The Reign of Christ
Christ Church
If you are visiting us - welcome!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #349
ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Pilgrims on the way, when we feel lost and ask for a sign to show us the way out of our confusion,
We remember that when we gather to worship, we find God in our midst.

When we face obstacles and barriers that keep us from the life God has called us to,
We remember that God is always at work among us, protecting and tending our well-being.

When cannot find our way out of conflict and discord,
We remember that God calls and equips us for the work of reconciliation.

When we struggle to pay attention to how God is at work all around us,
We remember that God' call to sit, eat, and tell one another the stories of God's faithfulness.

Pilgrims on the way, when we watch for signs of God among us,
Let us remember that we too are signs of God's presence for others!
Amen.
(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2023)

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA *(Sung standing)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GATHERING PRAYER

You who are,
who were, who are to come, before whose judgement all that is not love fades away: save us from the violence that seeks to claim our hearts, so that we may hear a different voice and belong to you in truth; through Jesus Christ, the wounded King of all. Amen. *(Prayers for and Inclusive Church 2009) alt.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader A reading from the Book of **Ezekiel**

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.
EZEKIEL 34.11-16, 20-24

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Reader A reading of **Psalm 100**
Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

God our Father, you have created us as your people, and you sustain us with your hand. Help us always to give you thanks, for you alone are worthy of thanksgiving and praise and honour, now and for ever. Amen.

Reader A reading from the 1st letter of Paul to the **Ephesians**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
EPHESIANS 1.15-23

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GRADUAL HYMN #300

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

(VS 1 - 3 before the Gospel and VS 4- 5 after the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL

Gospeller The Lord be with you,
People **and also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew.**
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**. *(sung)*

Gospeller ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’
MATTHEW 25.31-46

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** *(sung)*

SERMON **Archdeacon John Anderson**

ANTHEM

BLESSING OF THE WATER

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
I will, with God's help.

(The Celebrant will do an aspersion or sprinkling if water, a symbol of your baptism.)

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.
(You may stand, sit or kneel for prayer as you are comfortable.)
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Through baptism we have been raised with Christ, ordained to a royal priesthood, and made citizens in a holy nation. As faithful priests serving the Jesus, let us intercede for all the world, saying: In the name of Jesus, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we pray for all your children and enable us to live the good news convincingly, that all may inherit life eternal in the kingdom of heaven. In the name of Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, ruler of all nations, cause the leaders of nations to recognize your sovereignty and to accept your gracious rule. Make them proponents of peace and lovers of justice. Crown each ruler with compassion, that all peoples may live in peace. In the name of Iesus,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, look with pity on all who suffer: those with incurable disease, those unjustly imprisoned, those denied dignity, the hungry, those without shelter, those who live without hope. Direct us toward them, that their royalty may be reclaimed and their lives celebrate your grace. In the name of Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favourably upon thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of they perpetual providence carry out the work of our salvation; that things which were cast down may be raised up, and that things my return into unity through him by whom all things were made, even thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. In the name of Jesus,
hear our prayer.

This morning we pray for our bishops Andrew, Kevin, and Riscylla; for our Primate Shane; and for our Provincial Archbishop, Anne. We give thanks for the ministry of Rev. Canon Susan Spicer and the congregation of St. John, Ida. We pray for our priest in charge, Archdeacon John, Lisa, and their family. In the name of Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, protector of all life, we plead with you to grant healing and wholeness to the sick especially Allison, Baby Oliver, Barb, Carol, Caroline, Cherlyn, Connie, Francoise, Glen, Isobel, Jan, Jennifer, Jess, Kelly, Lillian, Lew, Marie, Marie-Eve, Marylin, Marylin L., Patricia, and for those known only to you. Lay upon them your hand of mercy; renew and restore them, giving them cause to proclaim and praise your name. In the name of Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Today in our own parish we pray for our Altar Guild members and that the Holy Spirit may encourage others to share in the sacred work of preparing the Lord's Table. In the name of Jesus,
hear our prayer.

Grant these petitions, O God, according to your perfect will, that your holy name be praised and proclaimed until that day when all the faithful shall gather before your throne in heaven, through the merits of Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE *(Please Stand)*

May the God of peace sanctify you: may God so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before him at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN #378
CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS
Eternal God,
by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

(Remain Standing)

THE EUCHARIST

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #3
The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, *(Sung)*
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh,

Jesus your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, loving God, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread #4

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.
Give us this bread for ever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches."
May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

Invitation To The Table

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

The Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine of the Eucharist please cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn #283

By All Your Saints Still Striving

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God,
you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

BENEDICTION HYMN

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious, be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift His countenance upon you
And give you peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN #520

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

~ Dismissal ~

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God Loves.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Celebration of Life

Mike Keogh's Funeral will be held on **Friday November 27th** 11:00am at Christ Church.

Scripture Study on Wednesdays

A small group of our members were meeting for a scripture study on Tuesday mornings, and numbers have been on the decline. Studying the word and its impact on our life is an important part of our faith walk. Commencing Wednesday, November 25th from 10:00 to 10:50 am, in the St. Luke Room, we will continue this tradition of a scripture study. This will be a perfect time join us as we consider the Advent readings for each Sunday.

Mid-Week Eucharist on Wednesday
Also commencing on Wednesday, November 25th will be a mid-week Eucharist each Wednesday at 11:30 am. This is a said service taken from the page 230 of the BAS (a Form in the Language of the Book of Common Prayer 1962). It will be an informal service with one reading, usually the gospel and a short reflection. It is Archdeacon John's practice to use the prayers and readings from the Anglican Church of Canada For all the Saints.

Service Change
The Regional combined service planned as Evening Prayer at 3:30pm on November 29th will be a Eucharist at 10:00am (Advent 1)

The Voice Newsletter
The deadline for submissions to the Christmas Edition of "The Voice" is December 7th. This is 'our' newsletter which means your contributions make it happen. Submission are to be sent to Drew Simpson at our email address: **christchurch1@bellnet.ca**

Today's Readers	
1st Lesson OT	Irene Fulton
Psalm	Betty Leppanen
2nd Lesson	David Fulton
Gospel	Archdeacon John Anderson
Prayers	Jim Peeling
Server	Shelli Jeffs
Chalice	Neil Fulton
Chalice	Glen Craig