

THE CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist The Last after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ Sunday, November 22, 2020

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Your cooperation with all safety protocols is appreciated. In-person worshippers are asked to wear masks in the church. Masks may be removed by those who are speaking to the congregation when they are physically distanced.

Once seated in the church by the Greeters, the people are asked to remain seated in their place to assure that physical distance with others is maintained. The presiding celebrant will give instructions for the time of Holy Communion and for departing the church at the conclusion of the service.

The people are asked to use the hand sanitizer available upon entering the church, before and after receiving Holy Communion, as well as when leaving the church. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the church and its frequent use is encouraged.

Prelude

Récit de Nasard –Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You

The in-person worshippers are asked to refrain from singing aloud.

King of love, O Christ, we crown you
Lord of thought and Lord of will,
each demand of your high challenge
dedicated to fulfil;
we with you by grace co-workers,
till, where human foot has trod,
peoples, kings, dominions, races,
own the empire of our God.

King of life, you have created
wheat in golden harvest spread:
make your servants strong to serve you

by the gift of daily bread
Feed us with your body broken,
with your blood outpoured sustain,
that our souls divinely strengthened
may the life eternal gain.

King triumphant, King victorious,
take your throne our hearts within,
lest the might of fierce temptation
snare us into deadly sin.

By the Spirit's rich anointing,
grant us strength life's race to run,
till the power of sin be vanquished,
till the prize of God be won.

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Greeting

The presiding celebrant welcomes the people and acknowledges the territory on which we gather.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Responsory

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I saw in the night visions, and beheld that with the clouds there came one like the Son of man, and to him was given dominion and glory.

That all people, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

That all people, nations, and languages should serve him.

You, Christ, are the King of glory.

The eternal Son of the Father

Daniel 7.13, 14

Collect of the Day

The presiding celebrant says the prayer and all respond,

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A reading from the Book of the Prophet 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.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, '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.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

The Prayers of the People

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. We pray for the witness of your church: for Susan our bishop; David and Brian our priests; Rob our intern; for all who serve Christ in the world; for the people of the Diocese of Bermuda; for St. George's Church, St. Catharines; for Blessings Christian Church, here in our neighbourhood. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages, especially Afghanistan, Yemen, Ethiopia, and Mexico. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. We pray for the leaders of nations. For Elizabeth, our Queen and all set in authority under her: Justin the Prime

Minister; Doug the Premier; Fred the Mayor of Hamilton. We pray for the First Nations of this Land and their leaders. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. Heal us of racism and the effects of colonialism. Bring reconciliation to our land. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. We especially remember Albert and Marion. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen.

Source: Sundays and Seasons, adapt.

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the people to confession. Following a silence, the prayer continues,

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces the absolution, to which all respond,

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

The people are welcome to share the Peace with one another by means of gestures from their places.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

The presiding celebrant says the prayer and all respond,

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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, 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, Father, 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 sons and daughters; 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

Lord, bring us to your kingdom and teach us to pray,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Prayer of Reception

Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. Many are made one.

The following prayer is said by all.

We receive you Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you; with our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength, with the saints we worship you, with the angels we adore you, with your whole Church we proclaim your reign. Come to us, though many, and make us one in you. Amen.

The presiding celebrant then elevates the bread and says,

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which is given for you keep you in eternal life. Feed on him in our hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Amen.

The Communion of the People

Those seated in the choir and sacred ministers shall be communicated at the sanctuary gate. The people seated in the nave shall be communicated at a station at the chancel step.

The people shall be invited to come in turn to the chancel step to receive communion. Please sanitize your hands and wear your mask on the way to and returning from the altar. There are two stations. The first is at the centre of the chancel step where communion minister will deliver the host into your hand. Please proceed to the second station halfway along the step. Facing east, remove your mask and make your communion. Once you have made your communion, please replace your mask, and return to your seat.

Music during Communion

Additional Prayers of Reception

The following prayers may also be said privately.

I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart, may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul, may you, who gives yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your kingdom shall come on earth as it is heaven. Amen.

Lord Jesus, I want to follow you: to see you more clearly; love you more dearly; and follow you more nearly. So come into my heart, so that we may share life together. Amen.

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer after Communion

The presiding celebrant says the prayer and all respond,

Amen.

Doxology and Blessing

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 presiding celebrant offers a blessing and all respond,

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

Worshippers present in-person at the celebration are asked not to sing.

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

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Dismissal

Go in peace rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

In-person worshippers are reminded to maintain physical distancing when leaving the church. Following the postlude, please leave the church by either the southeast (front right) or southwest (main) doors, whichever is closest. Thank you.

Today's Liturgical Ministers

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The Venerable Dr. David J. Anderson

Acolyte and Intercessor

Rob Miller

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