

St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Fairbank

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ

FaithWorks Sunday

November 22, 2020

Holy Eucharist

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

The Order of Service

Organ Prelude: Lest I Forget Gethsemane

Opening Prayer:

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home Page.

Give us, our Father, a sense of your presence as we gather now for worship.
Grant us gratitude as we remember your goodness, penitence as we remember our sins,
and joy as we remember your love; and enable us to lift up our hearts in humble prayer
and fervent praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Musical: Rejoice the Lord is King

Welcome: *Fr. Kenute*

The Greeting

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

And also with you.

The Collect for Purity

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.

The Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved

Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved

by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (*Jean Caine/Elfreda Garriques*)

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 100 (*Jeane Caine/Elfreda Garriques*)

1. Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
2. **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.**
3. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name.
4. **For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 (*Noel Lewis/Richard Goddard*)

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward 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.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Musical: *Majesty*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 *Fr. Kenute*

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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 Sermon: *Fr. Kenute*

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *(Noel Lewis/Richard Goddard)*

Let us pray for Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. We pray today and always for the clergy and leaders of Your Church at every level as they guide us back to safe worship and into an expanded understanding and experience

Holy God, in your compassion,
hear our prayer

We pray for this Church whose holy purpose is to make us more able to know Jesus, whom we call "The Christ"; through our worship, through our community, but especially through knowing Jesus in those who have been isolated from the human family due to poverty, injustice, discrimination, illness, and sheer vulnerability.

Holy God, in your compassion,
hear our prayer

We pray for the FaithWorks family of support that those who work within it find their lives deeply enriched and their energy sustained by the gratitude of all who learn of their work. We pray for the success of the FaithWorks fundraising campaign. Through this campaign we are given a chance to be those hands that do the work of saving lives and offering hope for many. Help us to be as generous as possible, especially in this time when we are made aware of what it is to be alone, in need, and fearful of the future.

Holy God, in your compassion,
hear our prayer

May the eyes of our hearts be always open to the full humanity of all.

Holy God, in your Compassion,
hear our Prayer

Loving God, in every age you call your people to love one another by seeking justice and mercy for all. Help us to act in our daily lives to erase the divisions among people that stifle life.

Holy God, in your compassion,
hear our prayer

Let us pray for this creation which we have been given. Almighty God, pour down Your healing on all creatures stressed by climate change and pollution. Help us to live in balance and beauty with our home and all its life.

Holy God, in your compassion,
hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who are suffering from war, poverty, ignorance, violent crime, cruelty, or injustice of any kind; for all those who are sick or suffering in body, mind or spirit, especially for the sick in our parish: Joyce Myers, Petrona Levy, Elmira Williams, Gilda Davis, Ruth Andrews, Don Krasnovich, Lucille Calder, Doraline Alexander, Helen Hancock, Mark Hancock, Gloria Parsons, Ancille Parsons, Pablo Velasquez, Barbara Gordon, Hyacinth Brooks, Mary Engels, Hermon Lobban, Wilton Holas, Len Green, Marcia Sealy, Gene Goodman, Sophia Goodman and Jeffrey Legair - and for all in our hearts and those whom we have forgotten. Resourceful God, Your goodness reaches to every dire circumstance, infuse these lives with comfort and strength.

Holy God in your compassion,
hear our prayer

Let us pray for those whom we have lost in these last days as they continue their journey to God. Holy One, we lift them to your loving hands.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Let us celebrate the Reign of Christ, today, in remembrance that Divinity arose among us in Jesus, lives within us, and sees us daily in the lives of those who call out for assistance. May that Divinity be a source of strength, hope, kindness, and joy in all of us and may our prayers today, be woven into the great living changing fabric of God's Kingdom.

Almighty, God, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ who is alive with You and the Holy Spirit, today and forever.

Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.

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.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Instrumental: Crown Him with Many Crowns

The 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.

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.

The Proper Preface for the Reign of Christ

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.

The Consecration Prayer

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

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Agnus Dei

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

The gifts of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God.

Musical during Communion: The King of Love My shepherd is
Our God Reigns

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.

The Doxology

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

Christ the friend of sinners is your only King; therefore, keep your eyes and hearts open, to those in whom Christ comes to you, and embrace the hope to which God has called us. May God who seeks the lost keep you, God who brings back the wandering heart uphold you, God who binds up the injured heal you, God who strengthens the weak empower you and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and forevermore.

Announcements

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Instrumental: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Postlude: **Mine eyes have seen the Glory**