

Sunday November 24th 2024

Reign of Christ

Anglican Parish of Lantz



Our Mission

*To be a diverse ministering community
making Christ's presence known in the world around us.*

Sunday Morning Worship

9:30 St. George's Church: 1089 Highway 277, Dutch Settlement

11:00 Christ Church: 14 Church St., Lantz

Parish Clergy

Rev'd Dr. Jane Magrath

Rev'd Patty McKenna

Our Worship Today

Call to Worship: *(standing)*

Together, let's make a joyful noise to the Lord!

We bring our sadness and our celebration,
joining to worship the Lord with gladness —
coming into God's presence with singing.

Sharing songs and stories, speaking and in silence,
Rejoice! For it is God who made us; we come from the Holy One.
Today, we give thanks for God, whose steadfast love endures forever!

God most holy, You are known to us as the Almighty,
Eternal Ruler and Lord. We call you our Shepherd and Guide.
We praise you with many names,
but you are beyond our imagination, so much greater than our words.
We know you in the stories of Jesus; and in him,
we see your love in action, reaching out to the world.
You move in us and through us by your Spirit,
drawing us to you, sending us to live out your word.
God most holy, Three in One and One in Three,
we praise you with our lips and with our lives
to offer you honour and love, now and always. **Amen**

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.**

Opening Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed (CP#101)

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes in succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.
Before him on the mountains, shall peace the herald go;
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring,
All nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;
For he shall have dominion, o'er river, sea, and shore,
Far as the eagle's pinion or dove's light wing can soar.

O'er every foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never, His covenant remove;
His Name shall stand forever; that name to us is Love.

The Collect (Acc Alternative Collects):

God be with you; **And also with you;** Let us pray:

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 the Christ, the wounded healer, king of our hearts. **Amen**

Prayer for Illumination:

God of mystery and majesty, your thoughts are not our thoughts; your ways are not our ways. Send us your Holy Spirit, speaking through the Scriptures, so that our thoughts and ways may be transformed as we encounter your Living Word, in Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word:

The 1st Reading: A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel (23:1-7)

(After the reading) Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (132:1-16):

O Lord, remember in David's favor all the hardships he endured; how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,

"I will not enter my house or get into my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar. "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool."

Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy. For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back:

"One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne."

For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation: “This is my resting place forever; here I will reside, for I have desired it.

I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor with bread. Its priests I will clothe with salvation, and its faithful will shout for joy. Amen

The Gospel:

God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to John (18:33-37)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(After the reading)

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon:

Statement of Faith (Iona)

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he died alone and forsaken.

He descended into the earth, to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present throughout all ages, and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen

Prayers of the People:

We pray for the church, the world, our community, and those known to us, remembering especially those in particular need. We respond to each petition saying, “Hear our prayer”

Confession & Absolution:

God most merciful, We confess that we have failed to love fully or forgive wholly. You offer us freedom, but we settle for the familiar. You offer us hope, but we prefer knowing what will happen next. Teach us to give up cautious faithfulness, so that we can offer you our whole lives, and commit to following Jesus into the future you are creating.

Confession:

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.

Assurance of Pardon:

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Spirit; and raise you to new life in Jesus the Christ. Amen

Celebrations:

We celebrate special occasions in the lives our parish family

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favour, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Exchanging of the Peace:

May you know the peace which the Spirit brings: a peace rooted in love, patience and self-control, shaped by kindness, generosity and faithfulness, marked by gentleness, and crowned with joy.

May this Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (CP#374)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion, Thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus, out of every nation, Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans, Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him, When the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, Thou on earth our help, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful, Flee to Thee from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me

Where the songs of all the sinless, Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own:

Alleluia! born of Mary, Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:

Thou within the veil, hast entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest:

Thou on earth both Priest and Victim, In the Eucharistic feast!

Prayer over the Gifts:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus the Christ, our Pattern and our Purpose. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer (ACC: Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1)

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise; for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

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.

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ; and in the unity of

the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

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 gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

People are invited to sit while awaiting Communion

Announcements:

As Jesus calls us as disciples, God sends us out to serve others in the world. Let us share with one another the events of our parish and community this week.

Closing Prayers: *Standing, let us return our thanks to God.*

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our 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.**

Blessing

Our mission in life is to make the kingdom of Christ a reality among us and to bring it to those around us by our words and deeds. The way to do this is to live as he lived: for others, with love and in service. May the God of love bless you for this task, walk beside you, and fill you with hope. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns (CP#378)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns, all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing; of him who set us free,
and hail him as your heavenly king, through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife, for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing; who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky; can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye, at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For you have died for me;
your praise and glory shall not fail; throughout eternity.

Dismissal:

May we go forth in the service of love, creating a Kingdom of justice and peace. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Parish Notices and Announcements - see insert at back of church

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7 / Luke 1:26-38

Weekly Wisdom: "On earth there is no heaven, but there are pieces of it."
— Jules Renard

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