

St. James' Anglican Church

Reign of Christ

November 23rd, 2025

Choral Eucharist - 10 a.m.

Celebrant – Rev. Carol Hardie

Homilist – Archdeacon John Anderson

Director of Music - Mr. Jeff Campbell

Reign of Christ or Christ the King

It is Christ the Saviour-Shepherd-King who presides over this table. At the Eucharist table we can all gather, "neither Jew nor Greek, male or female, slave or free", but one in Christ. Here we can all come freely to experience and to participate in this means of grace that visibly exhibits to us each week the heart and mind of our Creator, our Savior, and our Sustainer.

On this "Christ the King" Sunday we are reminded that God is with us through all the seasons of life as the writer of Ecclesiastes so poignantly reminds us. As we gather around the table today may you feel the freedom, the joy, and the strength of Jesus' presence in your spirit? Remember his words? "Look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." (Matthew 28:20 NJB)

Organ Preludes

Processional Hymn #383 (CP) "Jesus Shall Reign" *Duke Street*

Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

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.

"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 #702 (CP)

Please join with the choir on each refrain

Gathering Prayer

Holy God, our refuge and strength, you have redeemed your scattered children, gathering them from all the corners of the earth through your firstborn, Jesus the Christ, in whom all things are held together. Make us a just and righteous people, worthy by grace to inherit the kingdom of light and peace, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt

Dedication of the Albert Greer Memorial Window

We present these stained-glass windows as an offering from our parish to the glory of God.

Celebrant: All things come from you, O God.

People: **And from your own gifts do we give to you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for the beautification of your church, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we dedicate these stained-glass windows to your praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dedication:

Celebrant: Look upon the sun, trees, and water, and praise the One who made it:

People: How beautiful it is in its brightness.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, the whole world is filled with the radiance of your glory: Accept our offering of these stained-glass windows, which we now dedicate to you for the adornment of this place and the inspiration of your people. Grant that as the light shines through in its many colours, so our lives may show forth the beauty of your manifold gifts of grace.

We give thanks for the generosity of those who have provided them and the life of Albert Greer in whose memory they are given, for the skill of those who have made them, and for their beauty in conveying to us the light of your presence in all creation.

May they be signs and symbols for us, lifting up our eyes and our hearts to encounter you ever more deeply in the mystery of this life in which we are immersed and so become bearers of your light through our lives. **Amen**

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

Alexandra Teske, Soprano

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6 (Page #731)

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

Canticle 19 (Luke 1.68 - 79)

Alan Cooper, Cantor



Congregation: Please join with the Choir on each refrain.

Second Reading Colossians 1: 1-20 (pg. #142)

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

The Gospel Luke 23: 33-43

Before the Gospel# 715 (CP) "Alleluia"

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."^[a] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One." ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." ³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?" ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."^[b] ⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel # 715 (CP) "Alleluia"

Sermon: Archdeacon John

Anthem: "Hymn of Promise" *arr. Natalie Sleeth*
St. James' Choir

Affirmation of Faith 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.

Prayers of the People

Beth Morum, Lay Reader

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.

Offertory Hymn: #440 (CP) "For All Your Blessings"

Islington

Prayer before Communion

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.**

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 our 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.

Sanctus (732 CP)

Community Mass/R. Proulx

All

**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.

Celebrant

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 death into life.

On the night he as 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,

All **we remember his death,**
 we proclaim his resurrection,
 we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant 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 brings 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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
We, being many, are one body, for we all in the one bread.

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 Communion

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

Lamb of God

#745 (CP) "Jesus, Lamb of God"

Schubert/Proulx

The Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish communion but a blessing, please cross your arms and the priest will bless you. In the Anglican tradition wine is administered from a chalice or common cup. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice you can cross your arms, and the words of institution will be said. We do not practice intinction or dipping the bread in the cup.

Communion Music **Congregation, Please Join with the Choir**

Anthem: "Do This in Remembrance" *arr. Allen Pote*
The St. James' Choir

Hymn “Open My Eyes That I May See” *Open My Eyes*

V1

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place
in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see; open my
eyes: illumine me, Spirit divine!

V2

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see; open my ears: illumine me, Spirit divine!

V3

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see; open my
heart: illumine me, Spirit divine!

Hymn “We Are One in the Spirit” *We are one in the Spirit*

V1

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the

Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity will one day be restored, and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

V2

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land, and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

V3

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride, and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

V4

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, who is God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one, and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, by your grace alone we are accepted and called to your service. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever.

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

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #380 (CP) "O Worship the King" *Hanover*

Dismissal

Sung Benediction "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God, our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Organ Postlude "I was Glad"

C.H.H. Parry

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