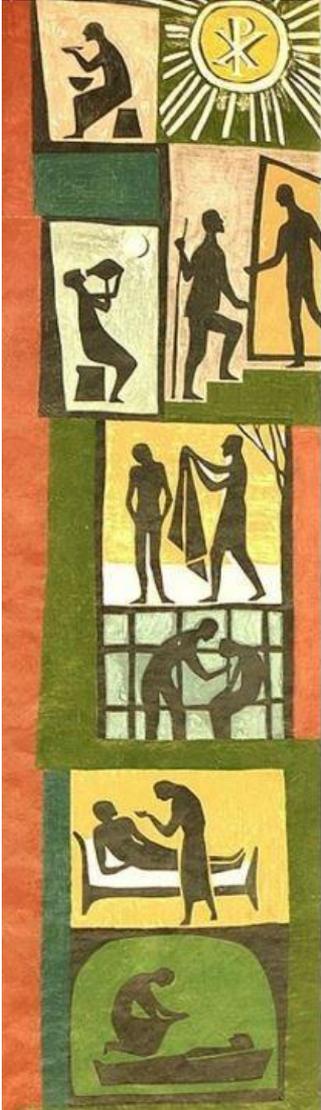


**ABT Synod -Wide Worship
Reign of Christ
Service of the Word
10am, November 22, 2020
Live-stream via YouTube from
Hosanna Lutheran, Edmonton**



On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

GATHERING

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

In the spirit of respect, reciprocity and truth, we honour and acknowledge that across the Synod of Alberta and the Territories we live and work and pray on traditional and ancestral territory of the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. We acknowledge all Nations – Indigenous and non – who live, work and pray on this land, and who honour and celebrate this territory.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 712 –

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service, v 1, 2

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
in whose image we are made,
and who calls us beloved and known.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of the broken, the hopeless, and unreconciled,

**We confess that we have not answered your call to welcome others
as we have been welcomed by you.**

We do not walk in compassion and mercy.

**We do not serve the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick,
the imprisoned.**

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

Our sin divides your beloved community and wounds your creation.

Open our hearts to you;

Open our eyes to see you in our neighbour;

Open our hands to serve your creation.

Beloved,

lay down your weight on the altar.

You are God's own children, formed by love.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven,

By Jesus you are welcomed,

In Jesus you are freed to serve one another and all creation!

Amen.

HYMN: ELW 712 – Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service, v.3

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be led by love,

Answering God's call to justice,

Walking Christ's way of compassion and mercy,

Joining the Spirit's movement of healing and reconciliation.

A new day's begun!

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Come, Let Us Sing for Joy to the Lord

(Malcolm Archer)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(Jacob Rempel)*

READING FROM SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:15-23 *(Wayne Street)*

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.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46 (*Erika Rodning*)

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “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 the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: God of the Movements and Martyrs (*on video*)

Verse 1

God of the movements and martyrs, God of the powerless child,
God of the broken and hopeless and unreconciled,
God of the just and the faithful, God of the night and the day,
God of the whole of creation, in your name we pray.
Many have followed the savior into the face of the storm,
strengthened by long generations, by love they were formed.
In basements of tall steepled churches, in shadows of fences and walls,
in alleys and hallways of power, they answered your call.

Verse 2

Now it's our turn to do justice, humbly we rise to the day,
give us the strength and the wisdom to walk in your way.
Gather the loaves and the fishes, share until all have been fed,
walk in compassion and mercy, by love we'll be led,
standing in circles surrounding, all holding hands while we pray,
when powers bear down on the helpless, we'll stand in the way.
God of the worn and the wounded, let us be healed by the truth,
when doorways are blocked, we will lower our friends through the roof.

Verse 3

God of the circle that holds us, God of the ones pushed away,
we will reach out to our neighbors, in your name we'll say:
No matter your creed or your country, no matter the hue of your skin,
your age, who you love, or the body your soul was born in,
no matter the places you're broken, no matter the things you have done,
lay down that weight on the altar, a new day's begun.
You are a child of the maker, you are beloved and known,
join us in work of the kin-dom, we welcome you home,
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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: God of the whole of creation, **in your name we pray.**

PEACE

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Thine the Amen (Carl Schalk)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

When we share what we have, our blessings and our joy are multiplied. Receive these gifts which we offer for your kingdom work on earth, that justice would prevail and all your children would know your love and care, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 632 - O God Our Help in Ages Past

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,
join in the work of the kin-dom.
Walk in compassion.
Show mercy.
Do justice.
Build community.
Care for creation.
Share until all have been fed.
A new day's begun!

Thanks be to God.

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