



The Reign of Christ And the Sunday Before Advent

Morning Prayer
November 22, 2020 at 9:30 am

Prelude Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley 1712-1786

Please remain seated as choristers sing the Opening Hymn

*All hail the power of Jesus' name! let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.*

*Hail him, the heir of David's line, who David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, life divine, and crown him Lord of all;
the God incarnate, life divine, and crown him Lord of all;*

*Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.*

*Let every tongue and every tribe, delivered from the fall,
to Christ all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
to Christ all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.*

Please stand

Officiant Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Officiant This is the day that the Lord has made.

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Officiant We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and
thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of
the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the
Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ the King, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Please kneel or be seated

All **Lord God,**
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please stand

Officiant Blessed is the Lord,
All **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Officiant therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
All **and in our song will we praise our God.**

Officiant Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator and redeemer of all; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world and in your great love fashioned us in your image. Now, through the deep waters of death, you have brought your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph. May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Please remain standing as choristers sing The Venite - Psalm 95.1-7

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; **
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving **
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
*For the Lord is a great God, * and a great king above all gods.*
*In his hand are the caverns of the earth, **

*and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it, *
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is the Lord our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
Glory to the Father and to the Son * and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning is now * and will be forever. Amen.*

Please remain standing as the choristers sing Psalm 100 Gordon Johnston
Refrain: We are God's people, the sheep of his flock.

*Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song. (Refrain)*

*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. (Refrain)*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name. (Refrain)*

*For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age. (Refrain)*

Please be seated for the First Lesson Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Catherine Farrell

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.

V / The Word of the Lord.

R / **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join together in reciting The Te Deum

**God, we praise you! God, we bless you!
God, we name you sovereign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father, by your church adored:
All creation shows your glory.
Heaven and earth draw near you throne,
Singing "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"**

**True apostles, faithful prophets,
Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
Join one growing song of praise,
While your church on earth confesses one majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God our hope eternally.**

**Jesus Christ, the king of glory, ever-lasting son of God,
Humble was your virgin mother,
Hard the lonely path you trod;
By your cross is sin defeated,
Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers,
Sinners justified by grace.**

**Christ, at God's right hand victorious,
You will judge the world you made,
Lord, in mercy help your servants for whose freedom you have paid:
Raise us up from dust to glory,
Guard us from all sin today.
King enthroned above all praises,
Save your people, God we pray.**

Please be seated for the Second Lesson Matthew 25: 31-46

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."

V / The Word of the Lord.

R / **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated as choristers sing The Benedictus Luke 1.68-79

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, *
For he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of his servant David.*

*Through his holy prophets God promised of old that he would
save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all that hate us.
He promised to show mercy to fathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant.*

*This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.*

*You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of all their sins.*

*In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son * and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning is now * and will be forever. Amen.*

Please stand and recite the articles of our faith in The Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray:

Please kneel or be seated

**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.**

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord.
People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness.
People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world.
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten.
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God.
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect of 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 for ever. **Amen.**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us to in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome

by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated Sermon The Rev'd Mark Andrews

Please remain seated for the Anthem Let all the World R Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

Let all the world, in every corner, sing:

My God and King!

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly,

The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow,

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!

The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;

But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!

Please kneel or be seated for the Prayers

Intercessor Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority. Let us seek his intercession, that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us: we ask you to pray for your Church, your broken body in the world; especially for Susan our bishop, for Harry and Mark our priests, and for the renewal of our souls and our community as we prepare to begin a new liturgical year ...

V / Lord, hear us. R / **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high: we ask you to pray for the world, and guide it with your wisdom, and make it subject to your command to love...

V / Lord, hear us. R / **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of man, drawing humanity into the life of God: We ask you to pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow ... especially remembering George, Martie, Darryl, Brenda, Peter, Ashley, Jennifer, Pierre, Jill, Marlene, Anise.

V / Lord, hear us. R / **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to your glory through your death and resurrection: We ask you to pray for all who are dying, that they

may trust in your promises ... and we pray for Jennifer Trapman and Marilyn Field in whose memory the flowers have been given.

V / Lord, hear us. R / **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of all things, ascended far above from the heavens and filling the universe: We ask you to pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service, and praying for our parish as we bring our pledge campaign to a close, that all we offer may bring glory to your Name and good to your people.

V / Lord, hear us. R / **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, first-fruits of the new creation, we ask you to keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, until you bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer of St Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfil now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant: May the Lord of his great mercy bless you, and give you understanding of his wisdom and grace; May he nourish you with the riches of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic faith, and make you to persevere in all good works; May he keep your steps from wandering, and direct you in the paths of love and peace; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Please be seated for the singing of the Closing Hymn

*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.*

*Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

*So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Postlude Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens 1823-1881

If you are not staying for the whole Postlude, please exit via the centre aisle to the main doors, and maintain a healthy distance from others. If you are able to stay, please remain in your seats and wait for the ushers to direct you. If you need assistance or have a mobility device, please remain in your pew and one of the ushers will be pleased to assist you. Please deposit this bulletin in the recycling bin in the Narthex or take it home with you.

The flowers on the left stand are given to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Jennifer Trapman, given by Ashley & Andrew Trapman and family.

The flowers on the right stand are given to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Marilyn Field from Doug, Allister and Heather, Cameron and Mary, Coreigh, Ashley and Hannah, Duncan and Emma.

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.
We are grateful to Peter Rughi for live-streaming our service. Please contact him if you are interested in assisting with this important new ministry.

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