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Reign of Christ

St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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Rector: The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall

Director of Music: Donald Russell, ARCO

Heritage Faith Vision

St. John's ~ A National Historic Site ~ Founded 1753

Prelude: Prelude on Slane — Healey Willan (1880-1968)
Mass Setting: Mass of St Cedd — Peter Nardone

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

Standing, we sing

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

383 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun — Duke Street

OPENING GREETING

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

And also with you.

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.

KYRIE

GLORIA

THE COLLECT

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

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sitting, we listen to the FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God, I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort 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 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 strays, 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.

For the word of God in scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us

Thanks Be to God.

PSALM 95: 1-7



O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. **Refrain**

In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. **Refrain**

Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **Refrain**

Sitting, we listen to the SECOND READING
Ephesians 1:15-23

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, 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 perceive 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.

For the word of God in scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us
Thanks Be to God.

Standing, we sing

THE GRADUAL HYMN

345 King of glory, King of peace Gwalchmai

The Lord be with you
And also with you
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE GOSPEL READING
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 who 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 brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'
Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who 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.

Sitting, we listen to: THE SERMON

ANTHEM

O King and Desire John Stainer (1840-1901)

Standing we say together:

THE SHEMAH
(The prayer Jesus recited twice a day)

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
This is the first and great commandment.
The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

Sitting for PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God we give thanks for the seasons and cycles of our liturgical year and the way these sacred seasons anchor us in your eternal story. May each shift and change be holy reminders that you move with us through all our days. Give us humility and grace, that your love made known to us and through us. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Holy God, guide us with wisdom, that the blessings of our history, our geography, our culture and our people may reflect your presence and care for all creation. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Holy God, your Son walked the road of suffering, may His love be present to all who share that journey in so many humbling ways. Bring them peace and consolation. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we give thanks for prayers answered, joys shared and all the goodness you make known to us each day. Help us, like Christ, to multiply and expand that goodness in caring for those we meet with dignity and compassion. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Holy God, help us to walk the path of Christ in grace, humility and love and grant that the prayers we make may reveal Christ's reign in our time. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

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

Silence is kept

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.**

ABSOLUTION

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.**

Standing for THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

505 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Slane

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, 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

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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, for you fashioned the world in love, and continue to pour out grace and peace for all the earth. Nations and monarchs rise and fall but your just and loving reign is for all time and your mercy is without end. Therefore we praise you, singing with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, a song of unending praise:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling us 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 his Mother, 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 and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we who share this feast may be one. 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 creation; through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 them 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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

THE COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive.Gluten free wafers are available. If you would like communion to be brought to you, please signal an usher.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

78 Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness Schmücke Dich

Standing, we pray the

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in Christ our Saviour. May his loving reign be known through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

(followed by the people's Amen.)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

378 Crown him with many crowns Diadem ata

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude on "Lobe deb Herren" J. G. Walther (1684-1748)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted to welcome Barb Mason as our new Parish Administrator! Barb will start Dec. 1 and brings wonderful gifts, experience and skills to this roll. Welcome, Barb!

Please submit Christmas memorials and Memorial Wreaths directly to the office by phone: 902-634-4994 or email office@stjohnslunenburg.org

The Guild will host coffee after the 10:30 service on Nov. 29th and invite you to stay for a chat and a warm drink. You are also encouraged to bring hats, scarves, mitts or socks to help warm someone in need this winter at Soul's Harbour.

This week in the life of the church:

Family Play Group (Lower Hall)	Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
Capella Regalis Rehearsal	Thursday 3 - 5 p.m.
Choir Practice (All Welcome)	Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Coffee after the Service hosted by the Guild	Sunday (Nov 29)

Assisting with the Services:

	Today, Nov 22	**Next Week, Nov 29**
Chimer	Peter Allen	Peter Allen
8:30 Lector	Bruce Holdbrook	Gill Osmond
10:30 Lectors	Ron Wall,	Andrew Griffin
	Duncan Crowdis	Hannah Griffin
LLM	Jim Shephard	Jim Shephard
Greeters	Pam Crowdis	S. Skinner, H. Hyson
	Duncan Crowdis	J. Eisenhauer
Live Stream	Raymond Francis	Ron Wall