THE REIGN OF CHRIST



November 24, 2024 10:00 am

Gathering of the Community

All are warmly welcomed to our worship.
We ask visitors to introduce themselves and to join us
for social hour after the service.
We welcome children and invite them to enjoy the
activity table during worship.

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Isaiah 43:19-21

Call to Worship

Presider Praise be to the Creator, who brings us to the bright

light of this new day in this new place.

All We come with thanks and praise.

Presider God, our true cornerstone,

You accompany us in all our journeying and life

experiences.

All You sustain us in temporary shelters, and call us to risk the uncertain and unknown with courage and trust.

All You hold us in love and bring us to new places

Presider Creating Presence,

You delight in all things being made new.

All You bless us with imagination, dreams and visions and rejoice in our new growth and insights

All In faith and trust we praise you

Presider O God, Our Foundation
All Our Sheltering Presence

Presider Our Welcoming Host
All Our Generous Provider

Presider In this holy place your presence surrounds us

and calls us to renew and re-vision our lives with your spirit

of goodness and love.

All In faith and trust we praise you.

Presider Gathering God,

As we worship in this new place

Open our hearts to the heartbeat of your presence,

Set us afire with transforming love,

All Make us passionate followers of Jesus,

eager to bring fresh goodness and healing justice

to the re-building of your world.

Renewing, Refreshing and ever Faithful Presence we come to praise your holy name. Amen

Gathering Hymn - Here in This Place (CP 465)

1. Here in this place new light is streaming; Now is the darkness vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreamings, Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; Gather us in, the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall awaken; We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
 We are the old who yearn for your face.
 We have been sung throughout all of history,
 Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; Gather us in, the proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so lowly; Give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water;
Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion; Give us to eat the bread that is you; Nourish us well and teach us to fashion; Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.

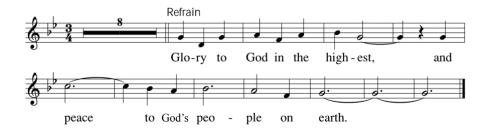
Gather us in and hold us forever; Gather us in and make us your own; Gather us in, all peoples together, Fire of love in our flesh and our bones. Fire of love in our flesh and our bones Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Presider Almighty God,

All 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 - Gloria - Mass of Creation



- 1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
- 2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father. Amen! Amen!

Collect of the Day

Presider Ever-living God,

All watchful and caring,

our source and our end,

all that we are and all that we have is yours.

Receive the work of our hands

as we give thanks to you for this place

where we come to praise your name,

to know your healing power,

to hear your Word,

and to be nourished by your table.

Be present always to guide,

to illumine and to bless your people.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

master builder and upholder of our lives. Amen

Welcome to Our Children - Jason Wood

At this time, children & youth are invited to join the teachers at the back of the sanctuary for Sunday School.

They are also welcome to remain with their families in the sanctuary if that is their choice. The children will return prior to communion.

Ministry of the Word

First Reading - Genesis 18:1-10, 21:1-3

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Psalm 122 - I Rejoiced When I Heard (HGSP 400)

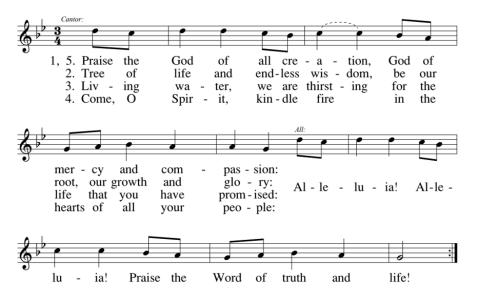


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Second Reading - Ephesians 2:13-22

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying
All Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation



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Reader May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel – *Matthew 25:31-46*

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Rev. Carla McGhie

Affirmation

We now share words of affirmation

Presider: Because the Kingdom of God is open to all,

All: this must be a space, a place

where all can feel safe and welcome.

Presider: Because the voice of God is beautiful and creative,

All: the words we speak within these walls

must affirm, encourage and enliven all who meet here.

Presider: Because God loves and values people,

All: the relationships built and nurtured here

must be rich in acceptance and appreciation.

Presider: Because God has created a world of plenty,

All: this place must challenge inequality,

serve the marginalised

and encourage reverence for creation.

Presider: Because Jesus spoke of abundant life

and showed how it should be lived,

All: may all who live and work here,

and all who visit here;

discover and show in word and action,

the love, the justice and the joy of God's kingdom.1

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Reader May the peace of God be always with you

All And also with you.

Offertory

Out of gratitude for all we've been given, we give ourselves back to God. Bread, wine and money all symbolize the fruit of our labor. Please feel free to use one of the laminated blue cards to represent how you give to the Glory of God through Pre-Authorized Donations.

Offertory Hymn - The House That Love is Building (OCP 920)



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Prayer over the Gifts

All Ever present God,
with this offering we present also ourselves:
all that we have been,
all that we are,
and all that we shall become,
and our resolve to walk in your way.
Accept us and our offering,
we pray for Jesus' sake. Amen

Celebration of our Sacred Meal

Presider May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God,

creator of heaven and earth;

you are the source of light and life for all your creation,

you made us in your own image,

and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy



Presider O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation,

All hear us as we praise you, call us to your table, grant us your life.

Presider When the world was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.

When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child.

When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing,

All and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

Presider You entered our lives and sorrows in Jesus our brother.

He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

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.

Presider Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

All Amen.

Presider Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

All Amen.

Presider Trusting his presence in every time and place,

we proclaim Amen.

All Amen.

Presider O God, you are Breath:

All send your Spirit on this meal.

Presider O God, you are Bread:
All feed us with yourself.

Presider O God, you are Wine:

All warm our hearts and make us one.

Presider God, you are Fire:

All transform us with hope.

Presider O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song,

you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits

for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life, the life of the Holy One to

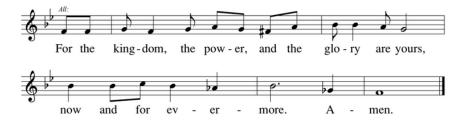
the Son,

the life of the Spirit of our risen Saviour, life in you, now and forever. **Amen**.₂

Lord's Prayer - Mass of Creation



Priest: Deliver us, Lord. . . for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



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The Presider breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept. The silence is broken with these words.

Presider Bread for the world: a world of hunger, Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.

All May we who eat, be bread for others, May we who drink, pour out your love.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God

All Thanks be to God.

Communion

Please know that at St. Laurence you are invited to the table. This sacrament is God's gift to all people. If you wish, you may partake in only the bread without the wine. Non-fermented grape juice is offered in the ceramic chalice. Please tell your server if you prefer a gluten free wafer. If you do not wish to partake at all, you may come forward and receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest.

Prayers for Healing — If you have special concerns and would like to pray with the Pastoral Care members during communion, please join them in the area to the right of the font.

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Communion Hymn - Deep In Our Hearts (MV 154)

- Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
 Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
 Deep in our heartsthere is a common story
 Telling Creation that we are one.
- Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
 Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
 Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message
 Justice and peace in harmony.
- 3. Deep in our hearts there is a common longing; Deep in our hearts there is a common theme; Deep in our hearts there is a common current Flowing to freedom like a stream.
- 4. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision; Deep in our hearts there is a common song; Deep in our hearts there is a common story Telling Creation that we are one.

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Communion Hymn - All Are Welcome (OCP 36)



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Moment of Silence

We take a moment to be still and know God. Our world is full of many noises, even as we sit together in silence. Let the noises be, and listen for the deep stillness that underlies all being. This moment will begin and end with the ringing of a bell.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Oh God of abundance, you feed us every day.

All Rise in us now, make us into your bread, that we may share your gifts with a hungry world and join in love with all people and re-create your miracle of radical justice, Amen.4

Announcements

Sending Forth

Presider From where we are

to where you need us,

All Christ be beside us.

Presider From what we are

to what you can make of us,

All Christ be before us.

Presider From the mouthing of generalities

to making signs of your kingdom

All Christ be beneath us.

Presider Through the streets of this world

to the gates of heaven,

All Christ be above us.

Presider Surround us with your presence,

inspire us with your purpose.

and confirm us in your love. Amen.

Blessing

Presider Now go in peace,
do what God wills,
follow where Christ calls,
pray for the gifts of the spirit;
and may the blessing God
the Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer
rest on you and remain with you

Closing Hymn - A Rightful Place (OCP 25)

now and forever. Amen



Deacon Go to the world with a blessing on your lips and

healing in your hands.

All Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Acknowledgements

- 1. Iona Community Monday 7th June 2021
- 2. Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Eucharistic Prayer X

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NEWS & NOTES

Wednesday Morning Prayer - 9:00 am

This small service is Morning Prayer, Bible Study and Eucharist all rolled into one. A great way to begin your day!

Memorial Service for Bob Marshall

Saturday, November 30, 2024 - 2:00 pm St. Laurence Anglican Church - Reception to follow

Memorial Service for Audrey Lactin

Monday, December 2, 2024 - 2:00 pm St. Laurence Anglican Church - Reception to follow



Phoenix Friends - LUNCHEON Tuesday, November 26, 2024 - 11:30 am

Dinakis Mediteranean Grill 201-2020 Oxford Connector Port Coquitlam

ALL WOMEN are welcome.

Come join us for a fun and meaningful time of fellowship and friendship. Please let Susan Burkett know by Monday, November 25, if you are planning to attend.

St. Catherine's Book Club

book Club meets from **2:00-4:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month** in the church lounge.



Next Meeting - November 26, 2024

New members are always welcome!.

Book Club selections for 2024 are available on the website



ADVENT DINNERS & VESPERS

Saint Laurence is pleased to again offer a beautiful evening of faith and food.

Our planned dates are Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th & 18th.

Dinner is to be served at 6 pm, with Vespers at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

In lieu of cost, we request you offer a food bank donation in the form of a protein product such as canned tuna / salmon, peanut butter, etc.

PS: The cook requests you inform the office of your intent to attend.

ignYte - Coming Events

Fri., Nov. 29 604 Chapel

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Christmas Movie Night Saturday, Dec. 7, 6pm - EVERYONE WELCOME!

Warm drinks, tasty snacks, and a Christmas movie...

sounds like a cozy way to get into the festive spirit!

You and your friends and family are invited to St. Laurence Saturday night, Dec. 7, 6pm, for a movie inspired by the season, hosted by ignYte.

Help support the youth as they fundraise for the CLAY conference next year, and enjoy a great holiday flick in the warm and dry of St. Laurence's new sanctuary. Feel free to come in your jammies!



Tri Cities - Call for Volunteers Tri-Cities Winter Shelter

Together with Progressive Housing Society, we offer Hospitality of Overnight Shelter and Meals to those in need.

When: February 1 - March 1 2025

Where: St. Laurence Anglican Church

825 St. Laurence St., Coquitlam

How You Can Help:

- -Volunteer for evening or morning shifts
- -Prepare and provide Dinner for up to 25 people
- -Provide up to 25 Sandwiches for one or more days
- -Donate Food, Toiletries, Clothing
- -Make a Financial Contribution for Groceries and other supplies

Volunteer Shifts

<u>Evening Shifts: 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm - 4 Volunteers per shift</u> (serve and clean up Dinner for guests and share conversation)

Morning Shifts: 5:30 am - 7:30 am - 4 Volunteers per shift (Prepare and serve simple Breakfast, clean up kitchen & Hall)

Volunteer Orientation:

When: Saturday, November 30, 2024 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Where: St. Laurence Anglican Church 825 St. Laurence St., Coquitlam

In Every Sacred Space

Heart of God:

on mountaintops crowned with mist, and in museums filled with wonder;

in tents pitched by singing brooks and in theatres filled with laughing children;

in every
sacred space
and in all
the everyday situations,
you are with us,

listening to us, hearing us, answering us, and we do not lose heart.

Amen.

Thom Shuman, Page 50, 50 New Prayers from the Iona Community.