

Reign of Christ / Christ the (Un)King

November 26, 2023 + 4PM



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We Gather

Opening Loop / Tolling of the Bells / Welcome and Announcements

Bell x 3

Land Acknowledgement and Opening Words

[together, we say] **We gather with gratitude for the first peoples' of this land. For the Lək'wəḡən people, known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations - for their language and culture, for their care and ways of being in creation.**

Silence is kept.

Commissioning of Meagan for Sabbatical!

On the seventh day God rested! God celebrated all that had been created and said:

"Marvellous, this is very good!"

Meagan, we have laboured together in ministry and give thanks for you. We celebrate your encouragement, direction, and leadership in our work together as community in this place. Of this ministry together we say, "It is very good."

And as God rested on the seventh day, so we send you now on this Sabbatical journey confident that God will bless your every step, refresh your spirit, renew your mind, strengthen your body, and empower you for all that lies before us in this community and place.

We will miss you, even as we continue, with joy and hope, the ministry to which we are called. As you attend to your Sabbatical, may our thoughts and prayers go with you, support you in every way, as we look forward with joy to your return. Let us pray...

Collect

Mighty and tender God, voice of the voiceless, power of the powerless: we praise you for your vision of a community of wholeness, a realm of peace, in which all who hunger and thirst are nourished, in which the stranger is welcomed, the hurting are healed, and the captive set free. Guide us by your truth and love, until we and all your people manifest your reign of justice and compassion. We pray in the name of your anointed one, our servant-king, to whom with you and the Spirit, one Holy God, be honour, glory and blessing this day and forever. **Amen.** Voices United 214

Please rise in body or in spirit as we sing & AbbeyKids and Teens and Leaders set the table...

Opening Song: Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

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The Poem: Selected and read by poet-in-residence Rebecca Yeo

We Proclaim

The Hebrew Scripture

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel
(Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24)

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 shadows. 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.

...The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we prepare our hearts to hear the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X2

May the works of my hands bring you joy. X2

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X2

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The Gospel Reading

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

A reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew: (Matthew 25: 31-46)

“When the Human One comes in glory with all the angels, 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 siblings 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."

...Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops! **With our words and with our lives!**

Gospel Acclamation (repeated)

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X2

May the words from my mouth speak your peace! X2

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X4

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The Sermon

Rob Crosby-Shearer, ec

Bell / Silence for meditation / Bell

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we affirm our faith:

The Creed (Sung)

I believe in God the Maker almighty
Creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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 heav'n and is seated
at the right hand of the Maker.

He will come again 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.

*Ryan Flanigan, alt., © 2017, Common Hymnal, CCLI * = "universal*

Our Prayers

Chivonne Graff

Confession

[together we say] **Generous God - in our privilege we do not think of ourselves as being lost, least or most affected. We are so confident of where we are going, we never ask for directions. We are allured by idols. So as we confess the lives we truly lead, we discover how scattered we are. We bring our brokenness before you, as we discover, You, the grace-filled Good Shepherd who has been searching for us.**

Silence for Confession

Assurance of God's Grace

The Peace

Beloved community, the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

We acknowledge the peace of Christ in each other.

Offertory Song: When The Poor Ones

During the 'offertory' song, the table is set. Contributions to our common life can be placed in the record player in the back of the space. Cheques made out to "The Emmaus Community." Charitable receipts will be issued if you provide your address.



1 Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne y aún re-par-te,
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



A/E D/A Dm Gm G7 C7 C F
 cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed y a-gua nos da,
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;

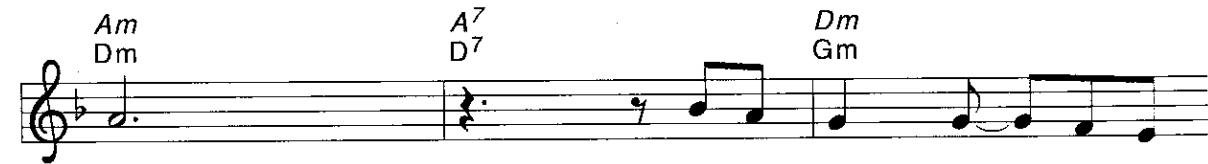


B E E7 A7 Am Dm
 cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing:
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Am7/G Dm7/C F Bb E7 A7
 Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our



Am Dm A7 D7 Dm Gm
 nar;
 way; va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro
 we see God, here by our



mis-mo ca-mi-nar.
 side, walk-ing our way.

We Celebrate

Prayer Over The Gifts

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up with Christ. Receive all we offer you this day, and, in grace, lead us in those works of mercy for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our sibling, our kin, our friend and our sovereign. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

May the God of all hope be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us lift our hearts to our God. **The eyes of our hearts look to the One who is our God.**

Let us worship our God with glad songs of praise.

We come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

You gathered up the scattered fragments of chaos, God of wonder, shaping them into the wonders we call the gifts and beauty of creation: thunderstorms moving over meadows, snow swirling softly in the evenings, deer standing in the silence of forests. All these things and so much more you offered to those created in your image, but the eyes of our hearts looked at the seductions of sin and death, finding them more desirable than you. Prophets came as seekers of the lost, hoping to bring us out of our foolishness, yet we continued to ignore them as we did those we could have served with your gifts of healing and hope. That is when you chose to become one of us, your heart beating with ours, your love seeking to save us. So with those who have reached out to the needy, and those who somehow never notice them, we offer our songs of praise to you:

(sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord - God of power and might.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest

+Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

Your holiness is revealed in your steadfast love, Searching God, and your heart in Jesus, our Lord, our brother. When we would heap temptation's empty calories on our plates, he feeds us on hope; when we would drink from the fountains of grudges, he pours us a cup of grace; when we find every door slammed shut in our face, he invites us into your heart; when we are struggling with the burdens and bills of illness, he touches us with healing care; when we are faced with eternity in the dank cells of death, he took the doors off the hinges, so we could walk into your resurrection love. As we remember his stories of your realm, as we seek to care for him in our siblings, we seek to live that mystery we call faith:

(sung) **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

You have searched for us, Steadfast Love, and gathered us in this sacred space. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of the bread and cup, and on your children gathered from every place where we strayed.

On the night of your passion you took bread and wine and reminded us to do this in remembrance of you. And so it is that you feed us on the broken bread so, that strengthened we would go to care for the hungry and needy, to welcome the stranger and straggler, to bring healing to the hurting. You offer the cup of grace so, nourished with your love, we would go to offer the parched your living waters, to visit those held captive by fear, to offer a warm heart to the lonely.

And when the moment at the end of time comes, as you gather the forgotten and the fragile, the strangers who in reality are family, we will join hands and hearts singing our praises, God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.** *(c. Thom Shuman 2023)*

The Prayer of Jesus

As beloved children of a loving parent, we pray as Jesus taught:

(said in a language, translation or paraphrase of your choice)

**Our *Father (*or Parent, or Source) 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Silence.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God given for the life of the world.

Thanks be to God!

All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table! The bread is gluten-free but contains almond flour and dairy. Please ask the server if you would like a non-dairy/almond option. The juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the common cup. Please refrain from dipping the bread.

Communion Song: Lamb of God (pre-recorded)

Poor Clare / Lacey Brown © 2018, Poor Clare Music.

Communion Song: The *Kingdom of God

The king-dom of God is jus-tice and peace and joy in the Ho-ly Spi-rit.

Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. The

Or "Kin-dom" -J. Berthier / Ateliers et Presses de Taizé / OneLicense.

Communion Song: Humble King

Oh kneel me down again, here at your feet. Show me how much you love humility

Oh Spirit be the star - that leads me to - the humble heart of love - I see in you

You are the God of the broken - the friend of the weak

You wash the feet of the weary - embrace the ones in need

I want to be like you, Jesus - To have this heart in me

You are the God of the humble - You are the humble King

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Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, may your gifts of love transform and enliven us that we may live lives of thanksgiving. May your presence among us provoke such longing for your realm, that we

will never be satisfied until the whole earth knows your justice, your peace, and your love. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.** (c. Celebrate God's Presence)

We Are Sent

Blessing

... and the blessing of God... **Amen.**

Closing Song: This Is The Day That You Have Made

This is the day, You, Christ have made; It's hours to You are known
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad! Let praise surround Your throne.

Today You rose and left the dead, all violent empires end!
We siblings of the risen lamb proclaim our Sovereign Friend.

Above all powers and markets too - You are our Mother Hen
In love and mercy and in grace - Your reign will never end!

Hosanna in the highest strains - let all creation raise;
On earth, in heav'n is where You reign, we give You all our praise!

Tune Azmon (O For a Thousand) / Adapted by Rob Crosby-Shearer from Isaac Watts verse 3 by Rob Crosby-Shearer

The Sending

Go in peace to meet Christ in the most affected. **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Coming Up!

Weekday Prayer, Presence and Worship

Mondays at 8pm - Centering Prayer with Evening prayer. Quadra/Balmoral Chapel or zoom.
Enter from parking lot at 932 Balmoral. Centering prayer is a contemplative practice of spending 20 minutes in silence together and this is framed within an compline (night prayer) liturgy.

Tuesdays at 8:15am - Morning prayer at Lynn and Phils and Zoom . Please email for address / buzzer code or for zoom link if you can't make it in person.

Wednesday Communion at Our Place - 4pm at Our Place. Meet at the church to walk over together and feel free to stay for dinner after (5pm).

Thursdays - Helping out with hampers at North Park Neighbourhood Association (AM, on site)

Thursdays at 8:15am - Morning prayer at Quadra/Balmoral Chapel - in person only.

Fridays Morning Prayer at 8:15am - zoom only

UPCOMING!

- Potluck after Church: Sunday Dec. 10**
- Youth Group (11ish to 15ish): Thursday December 14 at 7pm**
- Christmas Sing-Along in the courtyard with the North Park neighbourhood association Saturday December 16 4pm and first Lending Hub event!**
- All Ages Christmas Eve: Sunday December 24 at 4pm**
- New Year's Eve in the way of Taize: Sunday December 31 at 4pm**

We'll be back here for worship next Sunday at 4 pm!

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