



A Service of Morning Prayer for
The Feast of Christ the King (22 Nov)

A Prayer for Community

Once again, we enter into a virtual gathering place. We worship together in spirit and in truth, though not in person. We pray, sing, and listen to God's Word despite all the fear and darkness that pervades our world. God is with us. The Holy Spirit is among us, blowing with a wind of hope and renewal. The risen Christ is present in our midst.



Hymn 357: Let all the world in every corner sing

1. 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.

2. 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 all above, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!

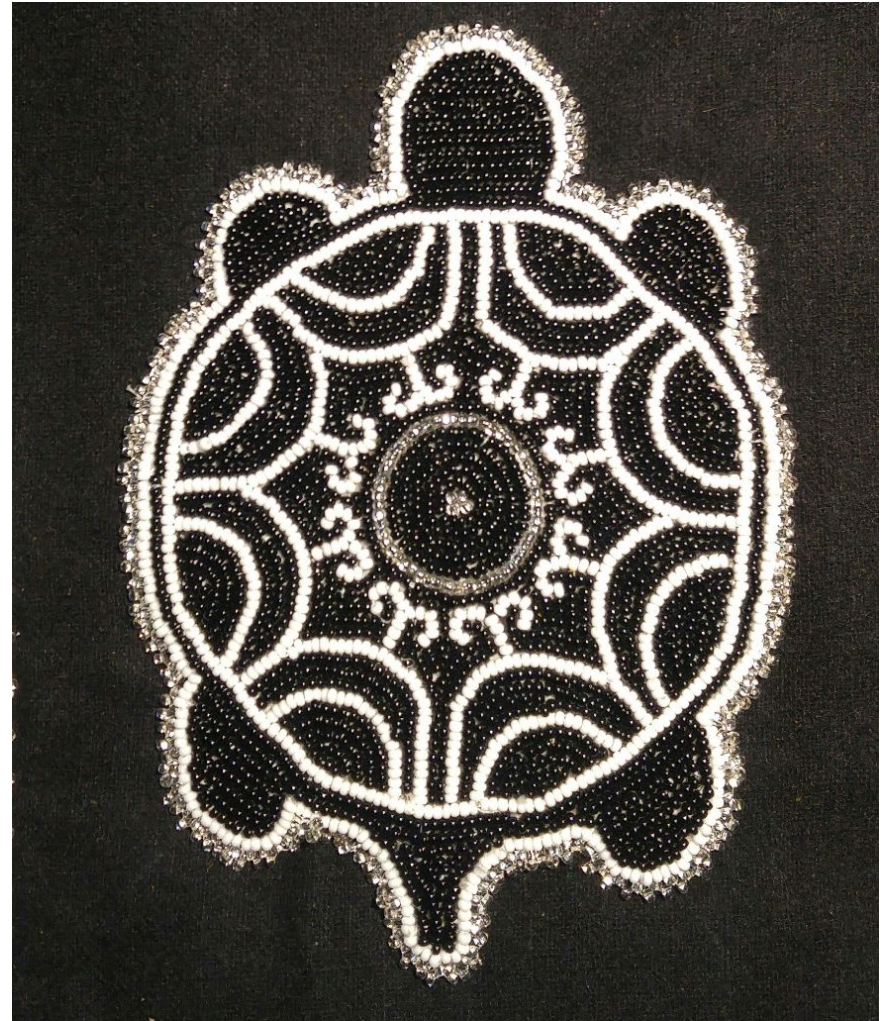


Territorial Acknowledgment

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on the lands that we now call Canada; their relationship with the land was, and remains today, at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

In this holy time and place, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional, ancestral territories of the Abanaki and Mohawk first peoples.

**May the living Christ lead us
all on pathways of
reconciliation and peace.**

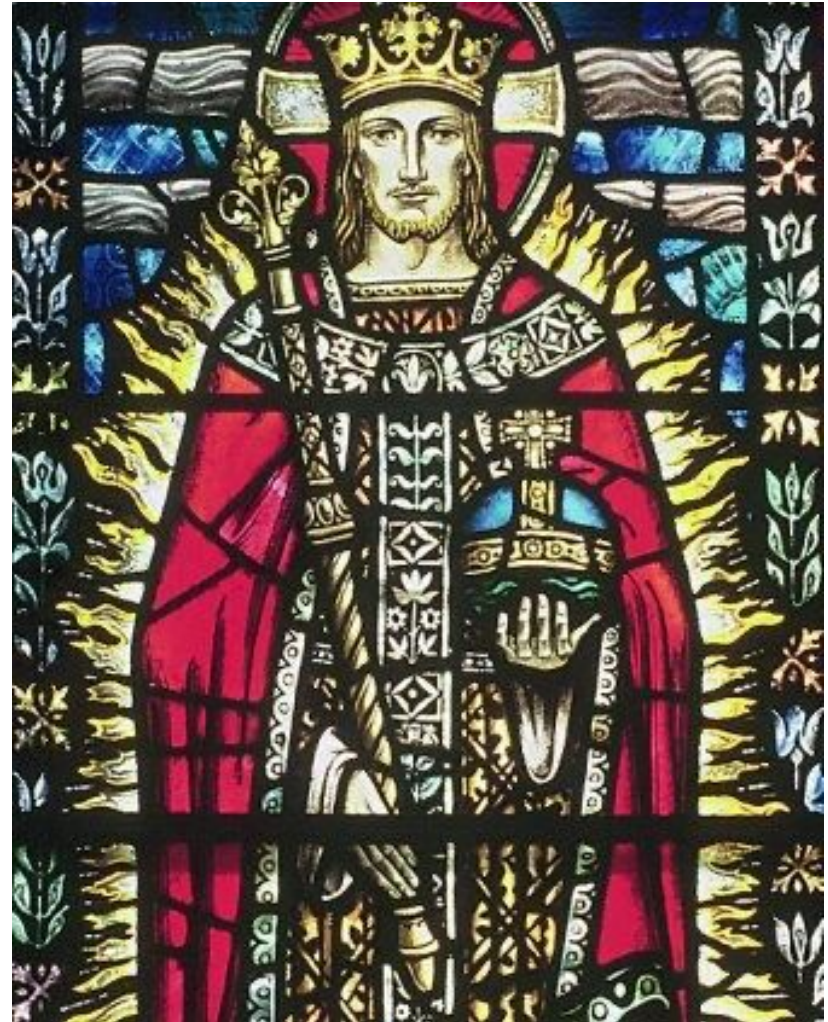


Confession & Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy:

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.

May Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Opening Responses

Lord, open our lips,
And our mouth shall proclaim
your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is
now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

Alleluia! The Lord is king of all.
O Come, let us worship!
Alleluia!



Gloria (John Merbecke)

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace,
good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless
thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God,
heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy
upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the
world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the
right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon
us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art
most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

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.



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Arthur H. Messiter 1883

Psalm 100



Shout to God, all the earth
Worship with gladness and joy.
Come before glad with laughter
Our maker to whom we belong.
To the shepherd who tends us like sheep,
Let us raise our voices in song.

Refrain.

Come to God's gates with thanks,
Come to God's courts with praise.
Praise and bless God's name.
Truly you are good
You are always gracious,
And faithful age after age.

Refrain.



Ephesians 1:15-23

Brothers and sisters, 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.



Hymn 504: Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

2. Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away.

Refrain

3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbours to us and you,

Refrain

4. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with you.

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5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet;
this is the way we should live with you.

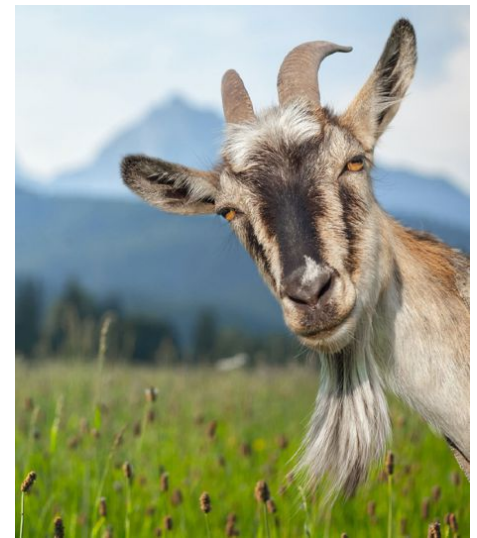
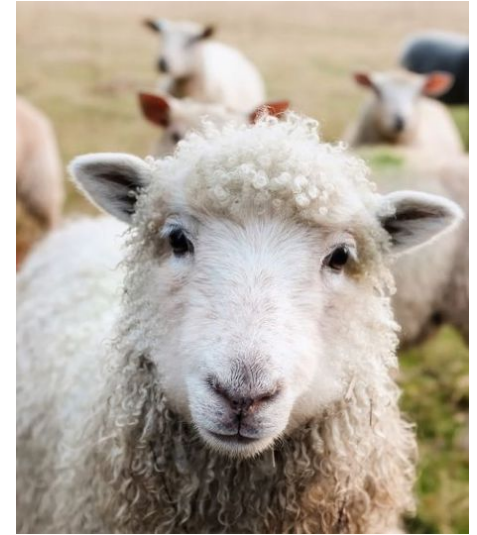
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Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.

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.”



The Sermon

Pam Dillon, Lay Preacher

St. James the Apostle, Stanbridge
East



Confession of Faith

1. **We believe** in God the Father,
God Almighty by whose plan,
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary,
upon whom the Spirit came.

2. Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
'Till as judge he comes again.

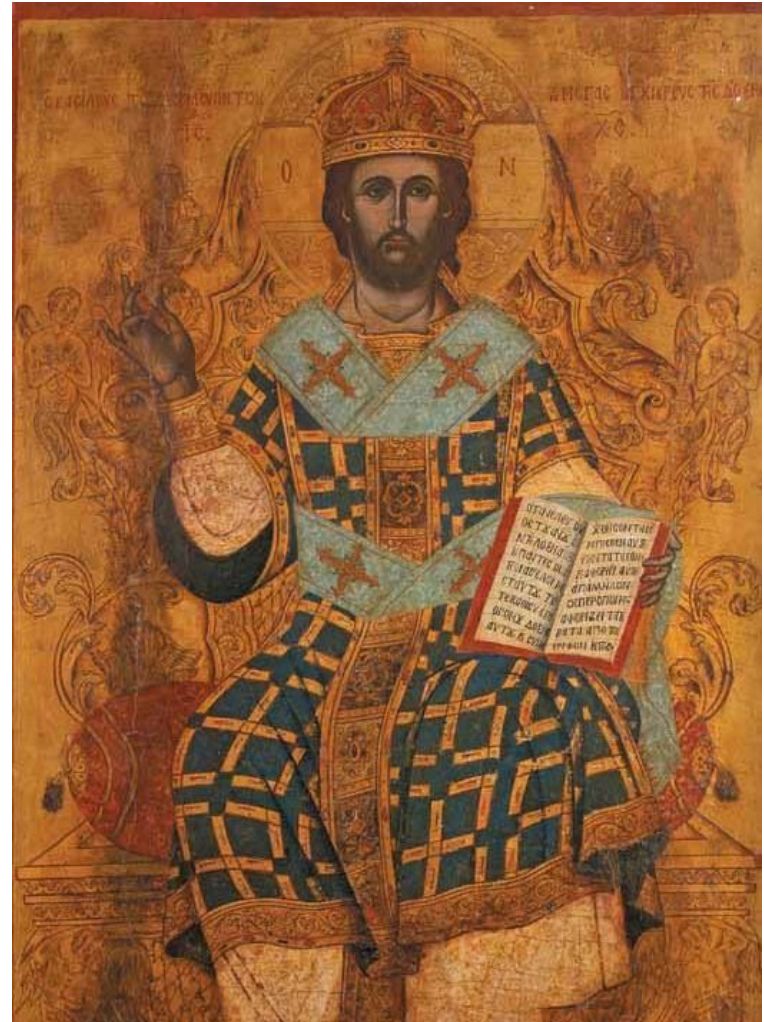
3. We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
Saints of God in one
communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord, and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.



Prayers of the People

Led by Tom Edmunds

Grace Church, Sutton



The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, the King
of kings and Lord of lords:
Mercifully grant that the peoples
of the earth, divided and enslaved
by sin, may be freed and brought
together under his most gracious
rule; who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever.

Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à Toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.

God the Omnipotent

(Hymn Tune: Russia)

1. God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest
Thunder Thy clarion, the lightning Thy sword;
Show forth Thy pity on high where Thou reignest;
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

2. God the All-merciful! earth hath forsaken
Meekness and mercy, and slighted Thy Word;
Let not Thy wrath in its terrors awaken;
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

3. God the All-righteous One!
Man hath defied Thee
Yet to eternity standeth Thy word
Falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside Thee
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

4. So shall Thy people, with thankful devotion
Praise Him who saved them from peril and sword,
Singing in chorus from ocean to ocean,
Peace to the nations and praise to the Lord.
Amen.



Blessing and Dismissal

It is not enough to only acclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and King. Our mission as Christ's followers is to make God's kingdom a reality among us and to bring it to those around us by our words and deeds; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

