

THE SENT: GOD'S CHURCH DEPLOYED

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the Diocese of Huron,
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A Service of the Word
for

The Reign of Christ – November 26th, 2023

Opening Responary & Gathering of the Community

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

All And also with you.

One Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Welcome

Opening Hymn CP383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Confession and Absolution

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

Most merciful God,

All 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.

One The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All Amen.

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Act of Praise CP 378 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Collect of the Day

One God of majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own, that we may live as his body on earth and, with all the saints, enter into your glory on the last day.

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-24

Psalm 100

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Gradual Hymn CP380

O Worship the King

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Gospel Discussion

1. Where is the trouble/challenge/conflict in the passage?
2. Where is the trouble/challenge/conflict in our world?
3. Where is the grace/love in the passage?
4. Where is the grace/love in our world?

Apostles' Creed

One Let us confess our faith as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Please respond to each petition ending "Lord, in your mercy" with "... hear our prayer."

Offering

Offertory Hymn

Canticle of the Turning

One Holy God, use us, and these gifts, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and honor your presence in all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Doxology

One Glory to God

All 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

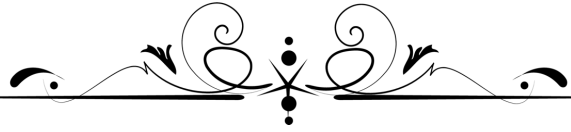
Closing Hymn CP379

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Dismissal

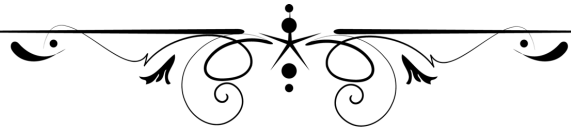
One Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, serving faithfully until Christ comes to welcome his people home.

All Thanks be to God.



Announcements

Join us each week to worship in this form via Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership. Please watch your emails and parish Facebook and webpage for updates going forward. Each participating parish will communicate changes as we move through this time. Please be in touch with our Chaplain Rev'd Paul or your parish priest should you need pastoral care, we are all available to offer support safely during this time. Your financial support of **The SENT: God's Church Deployed** is important to sustain this ministry in the wider world. Please tune in for details on how you can support this ministry.



Diocese of Huron Land Acknowledgement

The Diocese of Huron is situated on the ancestral beaver hunting grounds of the Algonquin, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaran peoples; the traditional and unceded lands of the Anishinaabe Peoples, of Walpole Island, Kettle Point and the Thames, the settled people's Haudenosaunee Confederacy, at the Grand River and the Thames and the Lenne Lenape Delaware peoples of Moraviantown and Muncey.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-24

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL.

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.

As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats: Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet? 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.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 100

A READING OF PSALM 100.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had

believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

All: Thanks be to God

The Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.** "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 gospel of Christ. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Hymns

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Opening Hymn CP383

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to
shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no
more.

2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

3 Blessings abound where e'er he
reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their
chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

4 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Act of Praise CP378

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 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.

2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3 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.

4 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.

Gradual Song CP380

O Worship the King

1 O worship the King, all glorious
above;
O gratefully sing his power and his
love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient
of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded
with praise.

2 O tell of his might, O sing of his
grace,
whose robe is the light, whose
canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep
thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of
the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders
untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of
old,
hath stablished it fast by a
changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle,
the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care, what tongue
can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the
light;
it streams from the hills, it descends
to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and
the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as
frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to
fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to
the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and
friend.

6 O measureless Might, ineffable
Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee
above,
the humbler creation, though feeble
their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy
praise.

Offertory Hymn

Canticle of the Turning

1 My soul cries out with a joyful
shout
That the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous
things
That you bring to the ones who wait
You fixed your sight on your
servant's plight
And my weakness you did not spurn
So from east to west shall my name
be blest
Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you
bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears for the dawn
draws near
And the world is about to turn!

Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you
bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you
Work great things in me
And your mercy will last from the
Depths
Of the past to the end of the age to
be
Your very name puts the proud to
shame
And to those who would for you
yearn
You will show your might
Put the strong to flight
For the world is about to turn
My heart shall sing of the day you
bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

Refrain

3 From the halls of power to the
fortress tower
Not a stone will be left on stone
Let the king beware for your
Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his
throne
The hungry poor shall weep no more
For the food they can never ears
There are tables spread, ev'ry
Mouth be fed
For the world is about to turn
My heart shall sing of the day you
bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

Refrain

4 Though the nations rage from age
to age
We remember
Who holds us fast
God's mercy must deliver us from the
conqueror's crushing grasp
This saving word that out forebears
Heard is the promise which holds us
bound
'Til the spear and rod can be
Crushed by God
Who is turning the world around
My heart shall sing of the day you
bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

Refrain

Closing Hymn CP379
Rejoice, the Lord Is King

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

5 Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus, the Judge, shall come
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's
voice;
the trump of God shall sound,
rejoice!