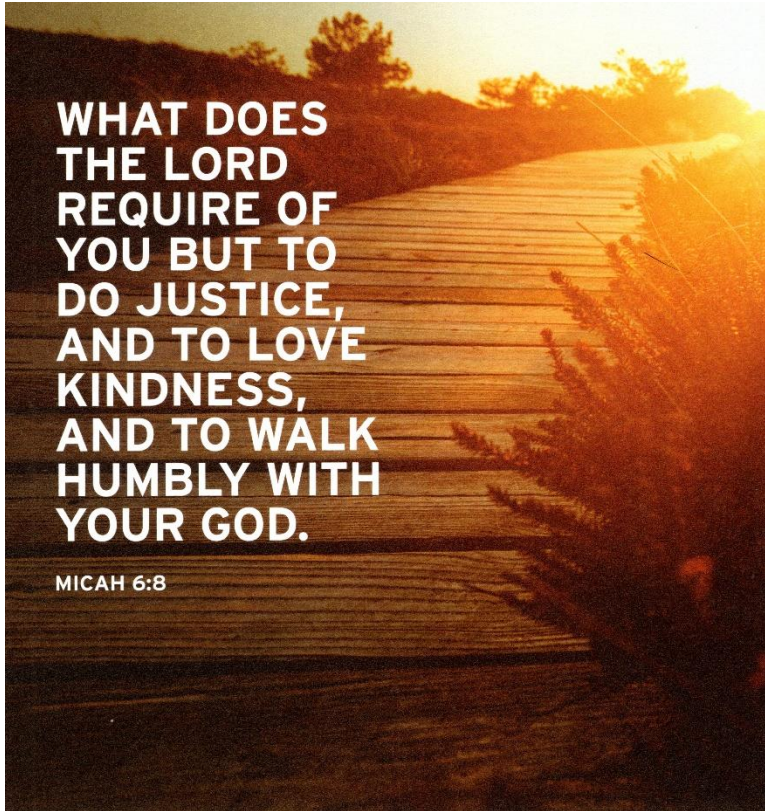


St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

Stewardship 3 – FaithWorks' Sunday

Reign of Christ, November 22, 2020



We welcome you to worship this morning. Our celebration is joyful, reflective, playful and reverent, as we thank God for new life through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we gather on this sacred land, we acknowledge that this is the Dish with One Spoon Territory created in Treaty by the Anishinabee, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee binding them to share and protect this land. Subsequent indigenous nations and peoples, Europeans and all newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. May we faithfully fulfill our treaty commitments to the land and its people.

This land has also been the place of Christian worship since the 1820's.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Announcements

Video: Twentieth Anniversary of FaithWorks

The prayer bell calls us to silent preparation

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

And also with you.

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.

Amen.

Children's Time

Mieke & Greg Nicholson

Hymn 349 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* vs. 1, 2, 4

1. **All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.**
2. **Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**
- 4 **For, why the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

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.

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Destitute king,
one with the hungry, the naked, and the scorned:
may our faith be proved not in dogma and piety
but in serving you in the last and the least;
through Jesus Christ, the stranger's Lord.

Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 34. 11–16, 20–24

Reader: Eric Albishausen

11 For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 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. 13 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 water-courses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 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. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 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.... 20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

O all the world! Raise glad shouts to the Holy One!

Worship God with joy!

Come into the Presence with ringing cries!

Be assured the Holy One is the God who made us,

the shepherd to whom we belong,

who feeds us in green pastures.

With thanksgiving enter the Holy One's doors,
with praise, the divine courts.

Praise and bless the Holy Name.

Truly the Holy One is good,
forever true and loving,

from age to age ever faithful.

The Holy Gospel

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.

Jesus said, ³¹ "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. ³² 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, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ 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; ³⁵ 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, ³⁶ 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.' ³⁷ 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? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ 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.' ⁴¹ 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; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ 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.' ⁴⁴ 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?' ⁴⁵ 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.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn *Truly I Tell You*

Refrain

**Truly I tell you,
Whatever you do
To the least of my fam'ly
You do to me. (repeat)**

1. **I was hungry and you gave me food.
I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.**

Refrain

2. **I was naked and you gave me clothes.
I was sick and you took care of me.
I was in prison and you visited me.**

Refrain

Affirmation of Faith

**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 the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Greg Lane

Let us pray for Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.
We pray today and always for the clergy and leaders of Your Church at every level as they guide us back to safe worship and into an expanded understanding and experience of Your Church.

We pray for this Church whose holy purpose is to make us more able to know Jesus, whom we call "The Christ"; through our worship, through our community, but especially through knowing Jesus in those who have been

isolated from the human family due to poverty, injustice, discrimination, illness, and sheer vulnerability.

We pray for the FaithWorks family of support that those who work within it find their lives deeply enriched and their energy sustained by the gratitude of all who learn of their work. We pray for the success of the FaithWorks fundraising campaign. Through this campaign we are given a chance to be those hands that do the work of saving lives and offering hope for many. Help us to be as generous as possible, especially in this time when we are made aware of what it is to be alone, in need, and fearful of the future. May the eyes of our hearts be always open to the full humanity of all.

Holy God, in your compassion

Hear our prayer

Loving God, in every age you call your people to love one another by seeking justice and mercy for all. Help us to act in our daily lives to erase the divisions among people that stifle life.

Holy God, in your compassion

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for this creation which we have been given. Almighty God, pour down Your healing on all creatures stressed by climate change and pollution. Help us to live in balance and beauty with our home and all its life.

Holy God, in your compassion

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who are suffering from war, poverty, ignorance, violent crime, cruelty, or injustice of any kind;

for all those who are sick or suffering in body, mind or spirit, especially Bruce, Grayson, Karen, Shirley, Pavini, Victoria, Teresa, Mae, Carly, Ty, and Teslyn and for all in our hearts and those whom we have forgotten.

Resourceful God, Your goodness reaches to every dire circumstance, infuse these lives with comfort and strength.

Holy God, in your compassion

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those whom we have lost in these last days as they continue their journey to God.

Especially, we remember Mary Neale, Joyce Frank, Roza Owsinska, Gloria Parelo, Josephine Voltan and Lorna Stephen.

Holy One, we lift them to your loving hands.

**Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Let us celebrate the Reign of Christ, today, in remembrance that Divinity arose among us in Jesus, lives within us, and sees us daily in the lives of those who call out for assistance. May that Divinity be a source of strength, hope, kindness, and joy in all of us and may our prayers today, be woven into the great living changing fabric of God's Kingdom.

Almighty, God, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ who is alive with You and the Holy Spirit, today and forever.

Amen

The Offertory

We offer ourselves and our monetary gifts for the support of the ministry of the Church.

109 *When the King Shall Come Again*

- 1. When the King shall come again,
all his power revealing,
splendor shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing;
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated,
this is God's redemption day
longingly awaited.**
- 2. In the desert, trees take root,
fresh from God's creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration;
rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth;
mountains, greet the morning!**

- 3. Strengthen feeble hands and knees;
fainting hearts be cheerful!
God, who comes for such as these,
seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes, see the lifeless ones
walking, running, leaping!**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Source of all life,
the heaven and earth are yours,
yet you have given us dominion over all things.
Receive the symbols of our labour and love
which we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**Our Father 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 sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for
ever. Amen.**

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 383 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

- 1. Jesus shall reign where'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'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.**

Final Blessing

May God keep you in all your days.
May Christ shield you in all your ways.
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.
May the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light. **Amen.**

Postlude

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