



Christ Church
Cathedral
Ottawa

The Reign of Christ

Sunday | November 23rd | 2025

10.30 am | Festal Eucharist | BAS

Communion Service in C | John Ireland

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Lillian Delsey

Welcome

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service
and activity sheets are available at the entrance to the Cathedral.
Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance.
Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

*Our diocese was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquins.
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude | *Antiphon 3 (opus 18/3)* | *Marcel Dupré*

Announcements

Greeting

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.

Almighty God,

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.

Let us go forth in peace! Alleluia!

In the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Processional Hymn 355 | All creatures of our God and King

Collect at the Station

Gracious God, your Son is Ruler of the universe and Lord of our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, we join with all who serve him in heaven and earth to sing the glory of your name, through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Hymn 345 | King of Glory, King of peace

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, train our eyes to discern your righteous rule, so that, standing firmly in hope before the powers of this world, we may heed your voice and be constant in your truth; through Jesus of Nazareth, David's heir. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading | *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 19 | *Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Second Reading | *Colossians 1:11-20*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual | *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* | Edward Bairstow

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and stand with fear and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought. For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation, and to be given for Food to the faithful. Before Him come the choirs of angels with every principality and power; the Cherubim with many eyes, and wingèd Seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn: Alleluia!

Holy Gospel | *Luke 23:33-43*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One

of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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

Let us pray.

Inspiring Spirit, we pray that churches of the world will fulfill Jesus' command to bring the gospel of love to every heart and to every place. For the churches of the Anglican Communion and for the Anglican Church of Canada, remembering especially Shane our Primate, and Anne our Metropolitan. We pray for those discerning a call to let their name stand for election in our diocese, for members of Synod, and for our Diocesan Administrator, Bishop Michael Bird.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we pray that your righteousness will guide the hearts and minds of the world's leaders into ways of justice and reconciliation; and that there may be peace in the Land of the Holy One and across the face of the earth, in every nation and amongst all peoples.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Caring God, we pray that your compassion will call all those who live in our communities to care for each other; and we pray especially for those who are destitute, exploited, marginalized or isolated.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Healing Spirit, we pray that your power may bring health and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering in body, mind or spirit; and especially to those whom we hold in our hearts and minds at this time.

Silence.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Comforting Christ, we pray that you will surround those who suffer loss and those who mourn with love; and that your hope will be with us as we remember those who have died.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Generous Creator, we pray that you will fill our hearts with gratitude for all the blessings of this life; and that we will share your gifts in joy and openness with all those whom we encounter.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, accept our prayers this day, spoken aloud and in our hearts. By the inner workings of your Holy Spirit, deepen our communion with you and make each of us signs of your endless love, your steadfast hope, and your calming peace. This we pray in the strong name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence.

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.

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

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 378 | *Crown him with many crowns*



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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name. *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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."

Therefore, Creator, according to his command,
we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;
and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to
you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be
the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your
Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to
that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the
firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by
whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory
are yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Motet | *Ave verum* | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine, cuius latus perforatum vero fluxit et sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae. | Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the virgin Mary born, on the cross thy sacred body for us men with nails was torn. Cleanse us, by thy blood and water Streaming from thy pierced side; feed us with thy body broken, Now in death's agony! O Jesu, hear us Son of Mary

The Sending of the Community

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 380 | *O worship the King*

Postlude | *Antiphon 1 (opus 18/1)* | Marcel Dupré

Celebrant | The Reverend Canon Doug Richards
Preacher | The Very Reverend Beth Bretzlaff
Readers | Madeleine Gomery | Judith O'Rourke
Intercessor | Myles McGarry
Duty Warden | Shawn Scromeda

Organist | James Calkin
Director | Andrew McAnerney
Sung by | Boys | Lay Clerks

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Readings Next Sunday | November 30th

First Sunday in Advent | Year A

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Advent | Christmas | New Year's Day | Epiphany

First Sunday of Advent | November 30th

8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Choral Eucharist
4 pm Advent Lessons and Carols

Wednesday | December 3rd

12.05 pm Iona Creation Eucharist

Thursday | December 4th

12.05 pm Iona Contemplative Prayer

Second Sunday of Advent | December 7th

8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Choral Eucharist
4 pm O Antiphons

Wednesday | December 10th

12.05 pm Iona Creation Eucharist

Thursday | December 11th

12.05 pm Iona Contemplative Prayer

Third Sunday of Advent | December 14th
8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Choral Eucharist

Wednesday | December 17th
12.05 pm Iona Creation Eucharist

Thursday | December 18th
12.05 pm Iona Contemplative Prayer

Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 21st
8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Choral Eucharist
4 pm | Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve | Wednesday | December 24th
7 pm Christmas Eve Reading of the Christmas Gospel, Carols, and Choral Eucharist
10 pm Festal Eucharist

Christmas Day | Thursday | December 25th
8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Choral Eucharist with Children's Story

First Sunday after Christmas | December 28th
8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

The Naming of Jesus | Thursday | January 1st
Noon Choral Eucharist and Festive Reception with The Right Reverend Dr. Shane Parker,
Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

The Epiphany of the Lord | Sunday | January 4th
8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday | January 7th
12.05 pm Iona Creation Eucharist

Thursday | January 8th
12.05 pm Iona Contemplative Prayer

The Baptism of the Lord | Sunday | January 11th
8.30 am Eucharist | 10.30 am Holy Baptism and Choral Eucharist
