

The Holy Eucharist

The Last Sunday *after* Pentecost: Reign of Christ
with the Admission of a Parish Lay Reader



The Cathedral Church of Saint George

November 23, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.

We acknowledge that in Kingston we are situated on traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples. We seek a new relationship with the original peoples of this land, one rooted in and based upon honour and deep respect.

WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Welcome to worship at St George's Cathedral. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whether you are joining in the nave or via the livestream, you are welcome here! Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following the service. We are thrilled you have decided to worship with us!

The flowers on the high altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joshua Jones from his family.

The Gathering of the Community

The people's responses are in bold. The people stand as able as the procession enters the Cathedral.

Processional Hymn | Sung by all



All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

2 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

3 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

4 Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthrall,
lift high the universal song
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

Miles Lane
William Shrubsole 1760-1806

Edward Perronet 1726-92

The people stand for the Land Acknowledgment and are seated for the Notices.

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

The people stand as able at the invitation of the Celebrant.

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from who no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

People

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

KYRIE ELEISON

Sung by the choir in Greek.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Presider

Merbecke

Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to-wards all. We praise thee,
we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give thanks to thee
for thy great glo-ry. O Lord God, heav-en-ly King, God the Fa-ther al-migh-ty,
O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fa-ther, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.
For thou on-ly art ho-ly, thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

The Collect for the Day

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

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The Proclamation of *the* Word

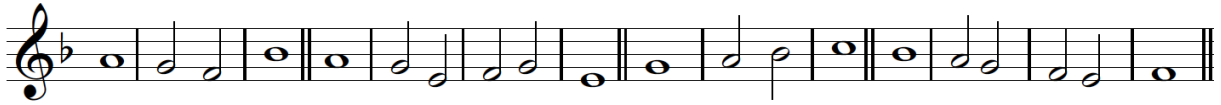
The First Lesson | Jeremiah 23:1-6

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."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Benedictus



BLESSED be the Lord | God of | Israel; / for he hath visited | and re-deemed · his people;
And hath raised up a mighty sal-va-tion | for us, / in the | house of · his | servant | David;
As he spake by the mouth of his | holy | Prophets, / which have been | since the world be-gan;
That we should be | saved from · our | enemies, / and from the | hands of | all that | hate us;
To perform the mercy promised | to our | forefathers, / and to re-mem-ber · his | holy | covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our | fore-father | Abraham, / that | he would | grant | us
That we being delivered out of the | hands · of our | enemies / mi-ght | serve him · with-|out | fear,
In holiness and | righteousness · be-|fore him, / all the | days of | our | life.
AND thou, child, shalt be called the | Prophet · of the | Highest: / for thou shalt go before the face of
the | Lord · to pre-|pare his | ways;
To give knowledge of salvation | unto his | people / for the re-mis-sion | of their | sins;
Through the tender mercy | of our | God; / whereby the day-spring from on | high hath | visit- · ed | us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the | shadow · of | death, / and to guide our feet |
into the | way of | peace.
GLORY be to the Father, and | to the | Son, / and | to the | Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be, / world without | end. | A-men.

The Second Lesson | Colossians 1:11-20

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able



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 Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:

No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

4 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.

5 Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne--the Infinite!
Who lives--and loves--and saves.

Diademata
George Elvey 1816-93

Matthew Bridges 1800-94

The Holy Gospel | Luke 23:33-43

Gospeller

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Gospeller

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

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

Gospeller

The Gospel of Christ.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the Preacher

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Reagan Gale

Silence may be kept. The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The people may stand, sit, or kneel as preferred.

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.
Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. (*Matthew 11.28*)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (*John 3.16*)

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Timothy 1.15*)

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. (*1 John 2.1,2*)

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

People **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Admission of Parish Lay Reader

The Candidate and the Wardens stand before the Dean. The Wardens present the Candidate.

Wardens We present to you Megan Ariki, to be admitted to the office of Lay Reader of this Parish.

Dean Has she been selected in accordance with the Canons and customs of this Diocese, and do you believe her manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this office?

Wardens We certify to you that she has been duly selected and we believe her to be qualified for this office.

To the Candidate,

Dean Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this church has received them, and will you, in accordance with the canons of this diocese, obey all Priests who may have authority over you and your work?

Candidate I am willing and ready so to do.

Dean May God guide and bless you in the doing of this work.

The Warden reads the Bishop's license. The Dean takes the candidate in turn, by the right hand.

Dean Megan, I admit you to the Office of Lay Reader of this Parish; and I give you this bible as a token of your ministry; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Send these your servants forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Candidate is vested with the Blue Preaching Scarf and are then conducted to the Lay Readers' stall by the Wardens.

Dean Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.

People Knit my heart unto you, that I may fear your Name.

Dean So will I always sing praises unto your Name.

People That I may daily perform my vows.

Dean Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son did read the holy scriptures in the synagogue; look graciously upon the Lay Readers of your church, and so enlighten them with wisdom and understanding that they may read your holy Word to the edification of your people, and the glory of your holy Name. Grant that they may be so filled with

your Holy Spirit that, seeking your glory and the salvation of souls, they may minister your word with steadfast devotion and, by the constancy of their faith and the innocence of their lives, may adorn in all things the doctrine of Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

The people stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

2 At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders,
in their great array.

3 Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners

faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:

4 Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory,
of that perfect rest.

5 In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,

unto whom he came,

trusted, and adored.

Evelyns

Caroline M. Neil 1817-77

William H. Monk 1823-89

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Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; whom thou didst exalt as Lord of all creation, that he might present unto thee an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Choir *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.*

The people are seated as the celebrant continues:

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his

disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

People

We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

Celebrant

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

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

People

**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.

The Breaking of the Bread

People

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord,

whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in this Church. Please move to the rail at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands, responding: "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer not to receive wine from the common cup, you may simply touch the base of the chalice, again responding: "Amen." Should you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate that to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

The Motet: *King of Glory*, J.S. Bach 1685-1570, arr. William Harris 1883-1973

The Prayer after Communion

Celebrant 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.**

The people stand as able.

Celebrant Glory to God,

People **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.**

The Blessing

Celebrant Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. And so make haste to love, and be swift to be kind; And may the God who travels with us, the God of pilgrimage, the God of Hope, bless, care and keep you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able



In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time:
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo! it glows with peace and joy.

5 In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time:
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.

Cross of Jesus
John Stainer 1840-1901

John Bowring 1792-1872

Postlude

The postlude concludes our worship service, sending us forth into the week ahead. You may choose to remain seated for the duration or depart following the closing hymn.

LEADING THE SERVICE

PREACHER The Rev Dr. Reagan Gale
PRESIDER Captain The Rev Claire Bramma
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Jane Kirkpatrick
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SERVICE MUSIC: *Communion Service in F*, William Harris 1883-1973

Next Week's Service Schedule

Midweek Eucharist | Wednesday, 12:15pm
Coventry Litany of Reconciliation | Friday, 12:00pm

The First Sunday of Advent | Sunday, November 30

8am Said Eucharist | 10:30am Choral Eucharist
4:30pm Advent Lessons & Carols

The Ven Bob Hales, *preacher*

The Rev. Canon Peter Case, *presider*

ISAIAH 2:1-5; PSALM 122; ROMANS 13:11-14; MATTHEW 24:36-44

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Advent Lessons & Carols | Sunday, November 30 • 4:30pm

Choral Evensong | Wednesday, December 3 • 7:00pm

G.F. Handel's *Messiah* | Wednesday, December 17 • 6pm

Christmas Lessons & Carols | Sunday, December 21 • 4:30pm

Christmas Eve | 4:00pm • 7:00pm • 9:30pm

Christmas Day | 10:00am

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