

Virtual Worship from St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Kamloops BC

Sunday, November 22, 2020 The Reign of Christ

Pat Rustand plays piano today; Jim Waldie leads the singing; Dean Ken preaches; Melissa Green assists

Flowers on the altar this and last week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dean McLean by his wife Wendy and family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Melissa Green

God of my life, look gently down.

In this time, this service originates from the ancestral and unceded lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc.

From many places and peoples we connect in prayer.

From various places, we share in the presence of the living God.

The living God who creates us and all that is.

In this special time the risen Christ stands in our midst.

The risen Christ who accompanies us and all people.

In this time and place, together, one people of God.

In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord God is our shepherd.

**We are the people of God's pasture,
the sheep of God's hand.**

God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

With sincere and repentant hearts,

let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God,

we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm.

You guide us toward right paths,

but we refuse to follow where you lead.

**You love and feed and care for us,
but we fail to love and serve others.
Forgive us, merciful God,
so that we may return to your fold
and rejoice in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

However long we wander,
however far we stray,
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Sisters and brothers,
be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Amen.**

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. Amen.**

HYMN CP 344

Jim Waldie

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise;
 Alleluia, Alleluia
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.
 Alleluia, Alleluia
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Eternal are Thy mercies Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word;
 Alleluia, Alleluia

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia PD

COLLECT

Jim Waldie

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, our Saviour and Lord;
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. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

Jim Waldie

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.

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. EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come into the divine presence with a song.
Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;
 the One made us and to whom we belong;
 we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;
 go into these courts with praise;
 give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.
For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;
 and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS Jim Waldie

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. EPHESIANS 1:15-23

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

HYMN

CP 585

Jim Waldie

Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked Your mercy's perfect deed:
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to Your purpose
Every gift which You impart.
Still Your children wander homeless;

Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By Your Spirit send Your power
To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service,
Your abundant life to share.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

Dean Ken

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." MATTHEW 25:31-46

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

GALLERY OF JUSTICE AND GRATITUDE

Dean Ken

Peace, Salaam, Shalom

https://youtu.be/IBQ-KsGo_BI?list=UUERCZTaMxBvI3AY-z1rQOg

Praise song for the pandemic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCYoikGal6U&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR0th5dc5NQsm-D6PwK8291q0AwvAKV8Hasl8F8uo3bxNo-viteZheibkdA>

Text in video

Come Ye (Originally by Nina Simone) Cover by Sweet Honey in the Rock

<https://youtu.be/A2qH44gt8xA>

Come ye ye who would have peace (approximate words)

Hear me what I say now

I say come ye ye who would have peace

It's time to learn how to pray

I say come ye ye who have no fear

What tomorrow brings child

Start praying for a better world

Or peace and all good things

I say come ye ye who still have hope

That we can still survive now

Let's work together as we should

And fight to stay alive

I say come ye ye who would have love

It's time to take a stand

Don't mind abuse it must be paid

For the love of your fellow man

I say come ye come ye
Who would have hope . . .

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dean Ken

**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.

INTERCESSIONS

Dean Ken

For your church, in this community and around the world,
that your good news may be proclaimed to all . . .
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For oppressors, that they might know justice,
and those oppressed, that they might know peace . . .
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For your creation, that we may be the caretakers you intend . . .
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the young, that they might be nurtured in love . . .
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the old, that they might be secure in your care . . .
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those who fight the demons of addiction,
that they might find relief . . .
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those who face an early death and those they leave behind,
that they might be comforted . . .
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all those who care for the suffering and those in their charge,
that they would be freed from pain and fear . . .
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all of those about whom we worry
and those whose troubles are known only to you . . .
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All this we pray with gratitude
for your eternal love and extravagant grace;
in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Waldie

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.

A PRAYER AND A BLESSING

Jim Waldie

Eternal Friend,
grant me an ease
to breathe deeply of this moment,
this light,
this miracle of now.

Beneath the din and fury
of great movements
and harsh news
and urgent crises,
make me attentive still
to good news,
to small occasions,
and the grace of what is possible
for me to be,
to do,
to give,
to receive,
that I may miss neither my neighbor's gift
nor my enemy's need.

Ted Loder

Loving God,
we thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your word,
and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us
to love and serve you, and all people,
in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Prayer Book for Australia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dean Ken

HYMN (Tune: CP 401)

Jim Waldie

We humans build to frame a life
with meaning, love, and feeling,
but time or hate can bring collapse
and loss can leave us reeling.
Let faithful souls from rubble rise
to find new ways from sorrow
and slowly, slowly form a shape
to welcome God's tomorrow.

For everything our hands construct
will one day fall and crumble
The God who is a carpenter
creates from scrap and jumble.
And we can join the work of God
to raise a new creation
that what we do will long endure
upon a firm foundation.

We dedicate ourselves today
amid life's change and danger
to build with God a house of peace
for friend and foe and stranger.
Here may the peoples come and go,
partake in shared endeavor,
set free from terror, hate, and war,
alive in God forever.

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A postlude is played by Pat Rustand