

# The Church of Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields



**Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ**  
**Sunday November 21, 2021**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
**Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!**  
*Mark 11.9, 10*

**Celebrant:** The Rev'd Maggie Helwig

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Prelude

### Greeting

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

*Response* **And also with you.**

### Land Acknowledgement

*Celebrant* Though people may be joining us from many regions, we acknowledge that the Church of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields stands on occupied land, the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit (an Anishnaabe people), the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat and Petun nations, land covered by the Dish With One Spoon wampum belt covenant. Treaty 13 and the Williams Treaty are also relevant to this territory.

We acknowledge that we have broken the treaties. We acknowledge the damage done by colonialism, and the role that our church has played in this, and we pledge ourselves to work for a future of justice and reconciliation.

**Hymn 594:** *Judge eternal, throned in splendour*

RHUDDLAN

- 1 Judge eternal, throned in splendour,  
Lord of lords and King of kings,  
with your living fire of judgement  
purge this land of bitter things;  
comfort all its wide dominion  
with the healing of your wings.
- 2 Weary people still are longing  
for the hour that brings release,  
and the city's crowded clamour  
cries aloud for sin to cease;  
and the countryside and woodlands  
plead in silence for their peace.
- 3 Crown, O God, your own endeavour;  
cleave our darkness with your sword;  
cheer the faint and feed the hungry  
with the richness of your word.  
Cleanse the body of this nation  
through the glory of the Lord.

## **Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant* 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.

*Response* **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,  
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
*Response* **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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*Response* **Amen.**

## **Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Response* **And also with you.**

## **Gloria**

*Hurd*

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,  
*Cantor* **and peace to his people on earth.**  
**Lord God, heavenly king,**  
**almighty God and Father,**  
**we worship you, we give you thanks,**  
**we praise you for your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**  
**Lord God, Lamb of God,**  
**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**  
**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**  
**receive our prayer.**  
**For you alone are the Holy One,**  
**you alone are the Lord,**  
**you alone are the Most High,**  
**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**  
**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
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.

*Cantor* **Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*A period of silence is observed after each reading and the homily.*

### **First Lesson: 2 Samuel 23.1-7**

*Reader* A reading from the second book of Samuel.

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people

justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

***Response***    **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 132** *Memento, Domine*



- Cantor 1*    LORD, RE-member Da-vid, /  
and all the hard-ships he en^dured;
- Cantor 2*    **How he swore an oath to the Lord /  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Ja-cob:**
- Cantor 1*    “I will not come under the roof of my house, /  
nor climb up in-to my^bed;
- Cantor 2*    **I will not allow my eyes to sleep, /  
nor let my eye-lids slum-ber;**
- Cantor 1*    Until I find a place for the Lord, /  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Ja-cob.”
- Cantor 2*    **“The ark! We heard it was in E-phra^tah; /  
we found it in the fields of Jea-rim.**
- Cantor 1*    Let us go to God’s dwell-ing^place; /  
let us fall upon our knees be-fore his foot-stool.”
- Cantor 2*    **Arise, O Lord, into your rest-ing^place, /  
you and the ark of your strength.**
- Cantor 1*    Let your priests be clothed with righ-teous^ness; /  
let your faithful peo-ple sing with^joy.
- Cantor 2*    **For your servant David’s sake, /  
do not turn away the face of your A-noint-ed.**
- Cantor 1*    The Lord has sworn an oath to Da-vid; /  
in truth, he will not break it:
- Cantor 2*    **“A son, the fruit of your bo-dy /  
will I set up-on your^throne.**

*Cantor 1* If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies  
that I shall teach them, /  
their children will sit upon your throne for ev-er^more.”

*Cantor 2* **For the Lord has chosen Zi-on; /  
he has desired her for his ha-bi-ta-tion.**

*Cantor 1* “This shall be my resting-place for ev-er; /  
here will I dwell, for I de-light in^her.

*Cantor 2* **I will surely bless her pro-yi-sions, /  
and satis-fy her poor with^bread.**

*Cantor 1* I will clothe her priests with sal-va-tion, /  
and her faithful people will re-joyce and^sing.

*Cantor 2* **There will I make the horn of David flou-rish; /  
I have prepared a lamp for my A-noint-ed.**

*Cantor 1* As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; /  
but as for him, his crown will^shine.”

**Epistle:** Revelation 1.4b-8

*Reader* A reading from the book Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel acclamation: Alleluia**

*Cantor* **Alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!  
Alleluia.**

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

*Response* **And also with you.**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*Response* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Holy Gospel:** John 18.33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ.

*Response* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** Mtr Maggie Helwig

### **Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*Response* **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Intercessions**

*Bidding* Lord of justice and mercy

*Response* **Hear our prayer**

### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Offertory hymn 379: *Rejoice, the Lord is King***

DARWALL

- 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 too shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

### **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.

*Response* **Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*Cantor* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*Cantor* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Cantor* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Preface of the Last Sunday of Pentecost: The Reign of Christ**

*Celebrant* 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.

## Sanctus and Benedictus

*Proulx*

*Cantor*     **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.**

*Celebrant*   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, Father, according to his command,

*Response*    **we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* 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 Father,  
now and for ever.

*Response* **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Robinson*

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*Cantor* **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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

## **Agnus Dei**

*Senchur*

*Cantor* **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
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.

*Response* **Amen.**

## **Doxology**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*Response* **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**

*Celebrant* The peace of God, which passes 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 with you all, and remain with you always.

*Response* **Amen.**

**Hymn 383:** *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*

DUKE STREET

- 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.

## **Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go forth in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Announcements**

## **Postlude**

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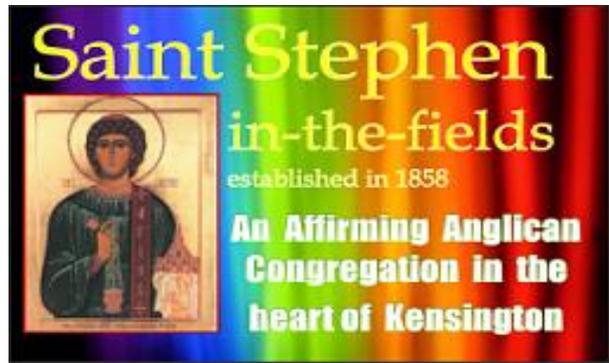
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