



St. Laurence, Coquitlam

November 22, 2020 at 9:30 am

Reign of Christ

Gathering of the Community

All are warmly welcomed to our worship.

"To feed the hungry, clothe the naked and shelter the harborless without also trying to change the social order so that people can feed, clothe and shelter themselves is just to apply palliatives. It is to show a lack of faith in one's fellows, their responsibilities as children of God, heirs of heaven."

Dorothy Day

Call to Worship

In all our weakness and strength,
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,
we come to be your people, O God.
Strong in faith and eager with questions,
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,
we come to be your people, O God.
Filled with saintly determination
yet mindful of our human limitations,
we come to be your people, O God.
Made strong in your endless love for us,
we know ourselves to be yours and
we come to be your people, O God.
May we truly become your people today. **Amen.**

from "All Saints Day (Year A)," posted on **Seasons Online**.
http://www.seasonsonline.ca/files/all-saints-day_cong-life_yr-a.pdf

Hymn *Gather Us In*

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreaming,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

***Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.***

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.

***Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.***

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

***Give us to drink the wine of compassion.
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.***

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

***Gather us in and hold us for ever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in' all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.***

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Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As 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. ¹³I 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I 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.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall

feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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Psalm 100 *Come All Ye People*

Refrain

***Come all you people, come and praise your Maker (x3)
Come now and worship the Lord.***

Shout joy to the Lord, all earth,
serve the Lord with gladness,
enter God's presence with joy!

Know that the Lord is God,
our maker to whom we belong,
our shepherd, and we the flock.

Refrain

***Come all you people, come and praise your Maker (x3)
Come now and worship the Lord.***

Enter the temple gates,
the courtyard with thanks and praise;
give thanks and bless God's name.

Indeed the Lord is good!
God's love is for ever,
faithful from age to age.

Refrain

***Come all you people, come and praise your Maker (x3)
Come now and worship the Lord.***

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Gospel Reading

Reader May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then 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; ³⁵for 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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And 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.’ ⁴¹Then 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; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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.’ ⁴⁴Then 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?’

⁴⁵Then 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.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily Reverend Eric Mason

Prayers of the People

Let us pray to the Lord,
who is our refuge and stronghold.
For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

I invite you to offer your own prayers and petitions:

(A moment of silence)

Faithful God, we commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to your steadfast love, healing and protection.

Merciful One,

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name;

your kingdom come,

your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day 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,

or the kingdom, the pow'r

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. **Amen.**

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Hymn

1. God of day and God of darkness,
Now we stand before the night;
As the shadows stretch and deepen,
Come and make our darkness bright.
All creation still is groaning
For the dawning of your might,
When the Sun of peace and justice
Fills the earth with radiant light.

2. Still the nations curse the darkness,
Still the rich oppress the poor;
Still the earth is bruised and broken
By the ones who still want more.
Come and wake us from our sleeping,
So our hearts cannot ignore
All your people lost and broken,
All your children at our door.
3. Show us Christ in one another,
Make us servants strong and true;
Give us all your love of justice
So we do what you would do.
Let us call all people holy,
Let us pledge our lives anew,
Make us one with all the lowly,
Let us all be one in you.
4. You shall be the path that guides us,
You the light that in us burns;
Shining deep within all people,
Yours the love that we must learn,
For our hearts shall wander restless
Til they safe to you return;
Finding you in one another,
We shall all your face discern.
5. Praise to you in day and darkness,
You our source and you our end;
Praise to you who love and nurture us
As a father, mother, friend.
Grant us all a peaceful resting,
Let each mind and body mend,
So we rise refreshed tomorrow,
Hearts renewed to Kingdom tend.

The Blessing

Presider May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah,
and of Jesus born of our sister Mary,
and of the Holy Spirit who broods over creation
as a mother over her children,
be upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Sending Out into the World

Dismissal

Love wholeheartedly.
Live as you were created.
Be God's people in our fragmented world. **Amen.**

by Tim Graves and posted on **LiturgyBits**. <https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>



“Flowers are donated to the glory of God
by Anne & Dave Dennis in memory of their
much loved son, James.”



300 Goats

In icy fields.

Is water flowing in the tank?

Will they huddle together, warm bodies pressing?

(Is it the year of the goat or the sheep?

Scholars debating Chinese zodiac,

follower or leader.)

O lead them to a warm corner,

little ones toward bulkier bodies.

Lead them to the brush, which cuts the icy wind.

Another frigid night swooping down —

Aren't you worried about them? I ask my friend,

who lives by herself on the ranch of goats,

far from here near the town of Ozona.

She shrugs, "Not really,

they know what to do. They're *goats*."

BY [NAOMI SHIHAB NYE](#)

News and Notes

November 22, 2020

Liminal Space: Embracing the Mystery and Power of Transition (February 5-7, 2021)

Please join us at Loon Lake for the 2nd annual Men's Retreat centering around the theme **Liminal Space**. Our guest speaker, author Brad Jersak, will offer his thoughts and insights on life transitions during his time with us.

To register and reserve your spot, please contact Detlef Beck by January 15, 2021. Phone 604-992-7929/
detlef2@gmail.com.

Cost is \$395 per person includes private room and all meals.

Paul: The Man We Thought We Knew *Bible Study*

Please join us starting Monday, January 11, 2021 and running until February 8, 2021 at 6pm via ZOOM.

We will be studying Paul's conversion, missionary journey and teachings

Please contact Olav at olav.slaymaker@ubc.ca

Access information will be provided

Fall Stewardship Campaign

By now you should have received your stewardship package in the mail. Please go through the materials and prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year. Please return your pledge to the church or mail it by November 29th. If you haven't received a package, please contact the office at 604-936-5423.

To
everyone
who
helped
with our Fall cleanup!



Thank you!



