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BAY VIEW
LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA



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Christ the King
8:00 AM
Pastor Jeff Greathouse

PRELUDE: Janet Anderson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: WAITING

~ posted on the Kir-shalom website. <http://www.spirit-net.ca/sermons/b-or02sm.php>

God is with his people.

He dwells in their midst.

Listen and hear him speak.

Our hearts long for his word.

We wait upon the Lord

so that we may renew our strength.

God is our help and our support.

His spirit moves among us

to lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

With joyful hearts we sing God's praise.

With rejoicing we call upon Him.

The Lord is our hope and our salvation.

OPENING PRAYER

~ written by David Adam in "The Open Gate" SPCK 1994. Posted on the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website. <http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/>

Lord, help me to relax.

Take from me the tension
that makes peace impossible.

Take from me the fears
that do not allow me to venture.

Take from me the worries
that blind my sight.

Take from me the distress
that hides your joy.

Help me to know
that I am with you,
that I am in your care,
that I am in your love,
that you and I are one.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

~ written by Rev. Mindi and posted on the *Rev-o-lution* blog. <http://rev-o-lution.org>

Prayer of Brokenness/Confession

Sovereign God,
we confess we have given idols power over us,
the idols of power and wealth, fame and security.
We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world
and have forgotten our kindred in Christ.
We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth,
and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us.

Forgive us.
Call us into Your reign,
to declare You the One who has power over us
because Your power is love.
Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves,
and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another
in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus came to us not to reign as a king over us,
but to serve us,
and to show us the way of God is the way of love.
Jesus said the first would be last and the last would be first.
Jesus called us to become humble and serve one another,
and that the most important commandment
was to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
This is the way of our Sovereign.
Go, knowing you are forgiven,
and love and serve one another,
especially our neighbors in need,
as Christ serves us. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *Lead On, O King Eternal!* (ELW 805)

1 Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;

henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy
the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,

you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A reading from Daniel.

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 93

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty
and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

A reading from Revelation.

^{4b}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,
⁵and 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,
⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! 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.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate 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?"

³⁶Jesus 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." ³⁷Pilate 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Jeff Greathouse

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come, Thou Almighty King* (ELW 408)

- 1 Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord;
our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless,
and give thy word success,
and let thy righteousness
on us descend.
- 3 Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour!

Thou who almighty art,
rule now in ev'ry heart,
never from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

- 4 To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: SERVICE

~ written by John Birch and posted on his Faith and Worship website. [http://
www.faithandworship.com/liturgy_Lent_3.htm#ixzz1lkU9wBx2](http://www.faithandworship.com/liturgy_Lent_3.htm#ixzz1lkU9wBx2)

You call us to service;
to be your eyes and ears,
hands and voice in this, your world.

To open our eyes not only
to the beauty and love which you create,
but the injustice,
hate and suffering that humankind generates.

To open our ears not only
to the chattering of this coming week,
but the searching,
fears and questioning of all whom we shall meet.

To open our hands not only
to those we choose our lives to share,
but in welcome,
love and fellowship to all who you draw near.

To open our mouths not only
to speak platitudes and simple words,
but the truths you lay upon our hearts.
Your Word for this, your world.

You call us to service,
to be your eyes and ears,
hands and voice in this, your world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

~ written by Rev. Tina Kemp and posted on the Church of Scotland's Weekly
Worship website. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

Lord, as You hung on a cross,
Your first thought was for others.
You forgave the ones
who ridiculed and tortured You,
You accepted the criminal
who hung beside You.
And it was You who made a mockery
of the sign they placed
above Your head.
For little did they know
that they did indeed
gaze at a king.

We don't need signs and labels
to recognise Your power
and Your authority, Lord.
It is because we have seen
the unlikely become reality;
because we have witnessed You
in the unexpected,
and because we believe
in truths honed by a carpenter's son,
that we dare to hope, Lord,
that Your kingdom has come among us
and continues to come,
day after day,
among the poor and the lonely,
the sick and the weary,
the angry and the abused,
the warmongers and the peace seekers.

And so it is for those

and others whose lives are touched
by grief and greed,
injustice and injury,
emptiness and endlessness
that we pray now,
trusting in the goodness and the grace
that retrieved lost sheep and wayward sons;
that consoled grieving mothers
and weeping women at a tomb;
that fed aching stomachs
and eager minds;
that soothed the open wounds
of untouchables
and the throbbing scars of hatred;
that laid open itself
to pain, rejection and abandonment
so that we might know healing,
acceptance and belonging.

And if we catch only a glimpse
of Your mercy among the hardness of life,
if we can sense Your presence
only for a fleeting moment
in the busyness of life,
if we can witness that wholeness
happens among the brokenness of life,
then we will know
that Your kingdom has come
and we pray that Your will be done.
This day and always, for Jesus' sake
and in his name we pray.

Amen.

Remembering in our prayers: **Paul** (Jacobson), **Donovan** (Antholt), **Vicki** (Wittenberg), **Mimi** (Zinngarbe), **Janet** (Mickelson), **Deanne & Chris** (Schafer), **Kevin & Cathy** (Clark), **Steven** (Leek), **Dan** (Coyhis), **Sasha** (Hill), **Fred & Darlene** (Kirch), **Sandy** (Scott-Cota), **Rusty** (Feld), **Kayla** (Fleury), **Rich** (Mickelson), **Carl** (Scholz), **Tysha** (Osborne), **Dale** (Lyndahl), **Beth** (Jacobson),

Michael (Cassity), **Sue** (Strong), **Larry** (Uecker), **Carol** (Bockhop), **Andrew** (Snyder), **Lois** (Krueger), **Elena** (Rouer), **Chuck** (Dull).

We also pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Mackenzie** (Delfosse), **Theresa** (Wilmot), **Amy** (Labott), **Robert** (Wittenberg), **Connie** (Zak), **Joshua** (Giese), **Mitchell** (Overbeck), **Arne** (Williamson).

Lord, at this time, we create an opportunity for individuals to lift up those close to them verbally

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

MUSIC DURING OFFERING: Janet Anderson

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God,
the earth is yours and everything in it,
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,
and strengthen us to be your body for the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

A feast of love is offered here
for you and for all the saints.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *What Feast of Love* (ELW 487)

- 1 What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!
- 2 What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!
- 3 What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet.
Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

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May God,
who comes to us
in the things of this world,
bless your eyes
and be in your seeing.

May Christ,
who looks upon you
with deepest love,
bless your eyes
and widen your gaze.

May the Spirit,
who perceives what is
and what may yet be,
bless your eyes
and sharpen your vision.

May the Sacred Three
bless your eyes
and cause you to see.

SENDING SONG: *Soon and Very Soon* (ELW 439)

Verse 1
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King

Chorus
Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King

Verse 2
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King

Verse 3
No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King

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DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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