

**Christ the King/Reign of Christ**  
**Last Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 21, 2021**  
**Living Faith Lutheran Church, Davis Bay, BC**

Preservice Music/Welcome/Announcements

**Welcome**                   *(Please rise if able)*

In this time and place, we gather together  
on the unceded ancestral lands of the shíshálh Nation.

**With people from many places and times,  
we come to this house of prayer.**

In this time and place,  
we meet in the presence of the living God.

**The living God who creates us and all that is.**

In this time and place,  
the risen Christ stands in our midst.,

**The risen Christ who accompanies us and all people.**

In this time and place,  
God's Holy Spirit breathes in and through us.

**The Holy Spirit who transforms us and all life.**

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.**

**GATHERING**

**Gathering Song**       #519 "Open Your Ears, O Christian People"

## Open Your Ears, O Faithful People



- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
- 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.  
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.



*Refrain*  
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



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Music: YISRAEL VORAITA, Hasidic tune

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## **Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

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 Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** (*Be seated*)

## **WORD**

**First Reading** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

<sup>9</sup>As 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.

<sup>10</sup>A 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.

<sup>13</sup>As 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.

<sup>14</sup>To 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.**

**Second Reading** Revelation 1:4b-8

<sup>4</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom,  
priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>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.**

**Alleluia verse**      #174 “Celtic Alleluia”      (sing twice) *Rise if able*

### Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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### **Holy Gospel**      John 18:33-37      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>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?" <sup>36</sup>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." <sup>37</sup>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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*Be seated*)

### **Sermon**

#### **Song of the Day**      #760 “O Christ the Same”

- 1 O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,  
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;  
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,  
unchanging still amid the passing years:  
O living Word, the source of all creation,  
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,  
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,  
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

- 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing  
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;  
still as of old upon your body bearing  
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:  
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,  
O Prince of life, in all your saving pow'r,  
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,  
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.
- 3 O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping  
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,  
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,  
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:  
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,  
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,  
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,  
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

**Nicene Creed**                      *Page 104 in the front of the red hymnals*                      *(Rise if able)*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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 and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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. (Be seated)**

### **Prayers of the Community**

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need, saying, “God in your mercy,” and responding “Hear our prayer.” *A brief silence.*

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. Bless, strengthen, and protect our retiring Bishop, Greg, and our Bishop-Elect, Kathy, as well as those who serve alongside them on our synod council and committees. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals, and migratory birds and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for all. And give vision, wisdom and courage to leaders everywhere to seek the wellbeing of our planet and home. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. We especially pray for those who live in danger and fear from civil strife and terrorist actions. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community like food banks, shelters for the homeless and abused women, support for those who struggle with disabilities and brokenness of body, mind or spirit. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends in our congregation unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering, *especially Erika and Rikki, Dorothy and Ingrid, Ed and Bud, Pam and Tory, Terry and Linda, Al and Connie, Nicholas and Gordo.* . . and those whose names are known only to us and to you. Join their prayers with ours for your healing presence. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus’ reign of justice and peace, particularly, Gwen, Freda, Hildegard and all named before you now aloud or in silence. . . Empower us to join their witness and rejoice in your presence with us always. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, Lord and Friend. **Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace/Offering**      *A musical reflection is played as the table is made ready*

**Offering Prayer**      *(Please rise in body or spirit)*

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 and King. Amen.**

## MEAL

### Opening Dialogue and Preface

God is with you. **And with you too.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to heaven.**

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and, speaking, join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving over the gifts

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.  
We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
be all honour and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Fraction (*Breaking of the Bread*)

The gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Sovereign has set the table with more than enough for everyone.  
Come, for your Lord invites you. Come, for all is ready! (*Be seated*)

**Hymn before the Meal**      #490    "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"



## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.  
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

### Sharing in the Holy Supper

*As directed by the Presider*

### Prayer after the Meal *(Please rise in body or spirit)*

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

#### Benediction

Christ our King, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life,

✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

#### Sending Song

**#439 "Soon and Very Soon"**

## Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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### Dismissal

Led by our reigning Christ and joined by the saints around us,  
go in peace to serve the world. **Thanks be to God.** (*Be seated*)

### Postlude