

Last Sunday of the Church Year (22nd November, 2020)

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M: When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him,

All: **then he will sit on the throne of his glory.**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn – Lord of glory *LH 356*

- 1. Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings, countless as the sand,
To the unthankful and the evil
With your own unsparing hand:**
- 2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
Gladly, freely, of your own;
With the sunshine of your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone;
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.**
- 3. Wondrous honour you have given
To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence,
'You have done it all for Me'.
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry-
In the least, your face we view,
Saying by your poor and needy,
'Give as I have given to you'?**
- 4. Lord of glory, who have bought us
With your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones**

**That tremendous sacrifice:
Give us faith, to trust you boldly;
Hope, to stay our souls on you;
But, O best of all your graces,
with your love our love renew.**

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1735;*

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M: 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.
Therefore let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask him in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us;

C: **We confess to you, almighty God,
before the whole company of heaven, and to each other,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by our own fault.
Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake, forgive us all our sins,
and bring us to eternal life.
Amen.**

M: As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace of
God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his
command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord;
Lord have mercy,

C: **Lord have mercy,**

L: let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Christ have mercy,

C: **Christ have mercy.**

L: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, Lord have mercy,

C: **Lord have mercy.**

M: The Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

**C: Almighty and ever-living God,
it is your will to restore all things in your dear Son.
Bring together under his just and gentle rule all the peoples of the
world, now divided and torn apart by sin.
For he lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

First Reading – Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

The Lord himself will be the Shepherd King

¹¹ “For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴ I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. ²⁰ “Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, ²² I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. ²³ I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-7a (*Spoken responsively*)

M: ¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: ² **Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

M: ³ For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

All: ⁴ **In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

M: ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

All: ⁶ **Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;**

M: ⁷ for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

All: **Today, if only you would hear his voice,**

Second Reading – Ephesians 1:15-23

Christ reigns at God's right hand

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

M: Alleluia, alleluia.
Come, you that are blessed by my Father,

All: **inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation
of the world.**

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:31-46

(Spoken) **Glory to you, O Lord,**

The King's final judgment

Jesus said: ³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ ⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ ⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ ⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do

for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' ⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: *(Spoken)* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Lord Jesus, thank you for the righteousness you give us
and the promise of your heavenly kingdom.
Help us faithfully to do your work on earth.**

Amen.

Gospel Hymn – Prayer of St. Francis

(Make me a channel) *LHS 858*

- 1. Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**
- 2. Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light.
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

Bridge

**O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled, as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.**

- 3. Make me a channel of your peace,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

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Francis of Assisi, Licensing*

Sermon

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again
from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Offering Hymn – Blessed assurance LHS 863

1. **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:**

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.***

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love:

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.***

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love:

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.***

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.***

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- L: Thank you, Lord,
for making us yours and caring for us
as a good shepherd cares for the sheep.
Help us to recognise Jesus
in those who are poor and needy,
and serve him humbly with what you have given us by serving them.

All: **Amen.**

Prayer of the church

All: **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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

M: Go in peace, humbly serving the Lord until he returns.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favour,
† and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn – The Church’s one foundation *LH 191*

- 1. The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.**
- 2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,**

Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.
4. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

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