St. Luke's Table THE REIGN OF CHRIST

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



Food for the Hungry, Drink for the Thirsty



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Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Martínez García, Zenón

Morning Prayer

(New Zealand Prayer Book)

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn:

Now Thank We All Our God

Now Thank We All Our God, (3 verses)

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God 2. through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and nourish us with grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God 3. eternal now be given, to Spirit and to Word, who reigns, in highest heaven: our ever faithful God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Let us pray,

Awake sleeper; rise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon you. Open our lips, O Lord;

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

<u>The Spirit of the Lord</u> (alternating verses)

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me: because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

The Lord has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted: to proclaim liberty for the captives, and release for those in prison. to comfort all who mourn: to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of mourning: a garment of splendor for the heavy heart. They shall be called trees of righteousness: planted for the glory of the Lord.

Therefore I will greatly rejoice in the Lord: my soul shall exult in my God, for God has robed me with salvation as a garment: and clothed me with integrity as a cloak.

For the earth brings forth its shoots: and as a garden causes the seeds to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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. Amen

<u>The Proclamation</u> of the Word

First Reading:

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24



Landscape with Shepherd and Sheep, Mauve, Anton, 1838-1888

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24, (NRSV)

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

As 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. I 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.

I 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.

- I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.
- I 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.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

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

<u>Psalm 100</u>: (alternating verses)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

God our Father, you have created us as your people, and you sustain us with your hand. Help us always to give you thanks, for you alone are worthy of thanksgiving and praise and honour, now and for ever. Amen.

<u>Second Reading</u>:

Ephesians 1: 15-23



A Pastoral Visit -- Richard Brooke, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

<u>Ephesians 1: 15-23</u>, (NRSV)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Blessed are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

Even before the world was made you chose us to be yours in Christ: that we should be holy and blameless in your sight.

In love you destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ: such was your pleasure and your purpose,

to the praise of your glorious grace: which you have freely given us in your beloved Son. Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now: and shall be for ever. **Amen.**

<u>Gradual Hymn:</u>

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



Jesus Feeds the Hungry, Fischer, Tony

Gradual Hymn:

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun, (2 verses)

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 blessing on his name.

The Good News:

Gospel of Christ According to Matthew 25: 31-46



Seven Acts of Mercy, P. Bruegel

Gradual Hymn:

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun, (2 verses)

 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.

<u>Reflection</u>

Offered by Lyda Miller



Sanctuary of the Divine Works of Mercy --Guayaquil, Ecuador Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

<u>Prayers of</u> the People

Offered by Jerry Cavanaugh



Shepherd, Palmer, Samuel, 1805-1881

<u>Offertory Hymn:</u>

The Church's One Foundation



Making Joyful Noise, Murtaugh, Susan

Offertory Hymn:

The Church's One Foundation, (5 verses)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord; we are his new creation by water and the Word: from heaven he came and sought us to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.

Elect from every nation, 2. yet one o'er all the earth; our charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one glorious name we hallow, partake one holy food, and to one hope we follow, with every grace endued.

Though with dismay and wonder 3. we see the church 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.

'Mid toil and tribulation, 4. and tumult of our war, we wait the consummation of peace forevermore, till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet we on earth have union 5. 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.

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. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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 forever. Amen.

Morning Collect

God our creator, yours is the morning and yours is the evening. Let Christ the sun of righteousness shine forever in our hearts and draw us to that light where you live in radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Prayer for Church Vision

Dear Father God,

we desire as a church to take hold of the vision you have for us and pray that you would lead and guide us to take a collective step of faith, in the direction that you would have is go.

Help us we pray, to grasp the church vision that you have for us, and may we be sensitive to your leading and guidance. Prevent us from seeking to implement our own inferior ideas, or substitute our own manmade notions for your plans and purposes.

Draw us closer to each other and to you, as we seek your face together in prayer.

May we be strengthened, and in the unity of the faith, be prompted to carry out your plans and purposes to your greater glory. We pray that the church vision that emerges in our hearts will have been prompted by the Holy Spirit, for the edification of the saints and to your praise and glory – this we ask in Jesus name. Amen

Adapted from www.prayer.knowing-jesus.com

<u>Closing Hymn:</u>

Fairest Lord Jesus



Village Choir, Webster, Thomas George, 1800-1886

Fairest Lord Jesus, (4 verses)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou the Godhead's human Son, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honour, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown. 2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the troubled heart to sing. 3. Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight, And fair the twinkling starry host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heaven can boast. 4. All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly, Wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee; None can be nearer, fairer or dearer, Than Thou, my Saviour, art to me. The Blessing

Let us bless the lord. Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.



Grace and Peace

Please help us maintain Social distancing by exiting, row by row, beginning at the back of the Church. Thank you.

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