

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Reflection on ‘Bunassan’ (Edward Landin)

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Brian Walter

INROIT Hail to God’s Own Anointed

(James Montgomery/Johann Crüger adapt. W. H. Monk)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you and peace from the One who is,
and who was, and who is to come.

**Grace to you and the peace of Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness and bearer of truth.**

Lift your voices in praise and thanksgiving,
**for the end is no longer the end,
but the beginning.**

Shout your alleluias,
**so we may renew our world with the vision
of peace and justice that God would
have us live.**

God is the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end,
**the One who is and who was
and who is to come. Alleluia!**

***HYMN** Jesus Shall Reign *pg 7*

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**Christ, reigning. When the first are last, you reign.
When hearers hear, you reign. When the heavy-
laden find rest, you reign. This is a peculiar reign:
a glory that can only reflect from tarnished gold,**

**an audience given only to broken angels, a banquet set
out for the least of these. This is a peculiar reign: the
world shifts on its axis, the darkness creeps back, the
forgotten find themselves with names. This is the reign
we long for, the realm we dream of, the community we
believe in. May we live dangerously and turn our words
of faith into acts of trust. May we be part of this, O
Christ: may we lift your torn robe and wrap the poor
in it. May we take your crown of thorns and stand with
the suffering. May we break the bread and feed the
hungry of the world. May we hold the cross and know
what must be given. This is a peculiar reign, but it is
yours and it will change the world, if only we would
find you, follow you and worship you in this way.
Christ, reigning. Make space for us and may we make
space for you. God in Community –Holy in One, we
pray in Jesus’ name. Amen** *(R. Hamilton, Iona)*

WORDS OF GRACE

God creates new hearts within us.
Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Sing, Sing Out! *(Hannah/Melhorne-Boe)*
MV 180

**Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.
Sing oh people as one voice! Sing, sing out!
Sing a new song. Sing of God. Each heart rejoice!**
Repeat

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE Revelation 1:4b-8 *p.245 Pew Bible NT*
(I am the Alpha and the Omega.) Janice Nolan

ANTHEM The King Shall Come *(Robert Leaf)*

GOSPEL John 18:33-37 *p. 113 Pew Bible NT*
(Pilate asks Jesus, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Declarations

***HYMN** Christ of Compassion *(P.McDonough)*
(Tune: Tenderness VU 307)

Christ of compassion, Christ of all giving, our hearts are
full with our comfort and care. Love’s living presence,
Spirit of Sharing, nourish and strengthen the faith that
we bear.

Love for our neighbour, friend to the stranger, gently we
open a place in our heart. Peace to the fearful, hope to
the lonely, spirits renewed through the care we impart.

Travelling companions, friends on the journey, sharing
our kindness, our joy to increase. Truth gives our faith
its courage and wisdom, shaping our world with the love
we release.

We who would hunger, thirsting for justice, through
faithful action our love is made real. Bread of abundance,
cup of renewal, our lives seek meaning through this
sacred meal.

Love from the heart, the sweetest expression, tells of the
Spirit alive in this place. Spreading that love to people
around us, touching our living, with honour and grace.

SHARING GOD’S LOVE

* **THE NEW CREED** *p. 918 VU*
* **THE PEACE**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Celebrate With Ringing (M.Mazzatenta)
Bellissimo Handbell Ensemble

***DEDICATION** Grateful (T. Tomaszek) MV 182

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (on insert)

***HYMN** My Song Is Love Unknown pg 7

***COMMISSIONING**

And now, may God who brings to birth and sustains all life, sustain you;
may Christ who fashions hope and strengthens faith, strengthen us all.
May the Spirit who empowers and inspires action, inspire you—
today, and in the days to come.

***SUNG BLESSING** Wherever You May Go MV 216

Wherever you may go, I will follow, and your people shall be my people too. Wherever you may go I will follow, for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

POSTLUDE O Worship the King (arr. Franklin Ritter)



MISSION AND SERVICE

The Christmas Parade most popular traditions.

When you think of the word “tradition,” what comes to mind? At this time of year, many of us think of gathering with friends and family as we share stories over a warm meal.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas with our loved ones, it is heartbreaking to think of families who are unable to afford a warm meal or a small gift for their children. While we recognize this season as a time of joy, for many underprivileged families it is a difficult reminder of their struggle.

For Mission and Service partner London Community Chaplaincy (LCC), bringing joy and community-building fun to the social housing complexes they serve goes hand-in-hand with creating and sustaining traditions.

The Christmas Parade is one of LCC’s most popular traditions. Children’s eyes gleam with excitement as their stockings are filled with candy canes, books, and toys. There is music, food, and of course a visit with Santa Claus! With full bellies, children play together, filling the air with excitement and laughter while their parents connect, support each other, and share their stories.

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REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

Communion

November 24, 2024

11:00 am

We sing of Jesus, a Jew, born to a woman in poverty in a time of social upheaval and political oppression. He knew human joy and sorrow. So filled with the Holy Spirit was he that in him people experienced the presence of God among them. We sing to God incarnate. (UCC Statement of Faith.2006)

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; and prisoners leap to lose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King, angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

My Song Is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow, but people scorned, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing, resounding all the day hosannas to their King. Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine! This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Jesus Shall Reign

