

Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 2021

Reign of Christ 8:30 a.m.

## THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, BIRCH CLIFF

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We acknowledge that the land on which our parish sits is the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations and the Métis Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. We also recognize, and pray for the continual grace to honour the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land.

### WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

The Church Office is open Tuesday to Friday  
8 a.m. – Noon

**Ministers** The people of St. Nicholas

**Priest-in-Charge**

The Reverend Andrew MacDonald

**Honourary Assistant**

The Reverend Canon Ian Noseworthy

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**People's Warden**

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Everything you need for the service is printed in this bulletin.

**Today you will notice several masked and distanced choristers! While they can sing, unfortunately congregational singing is still not allowed at this time. Please refrain from joining in the singing.**

The single washroom downstairs is available if needed.  
Please use the Manderley stairs to access the washroom.

## The Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Music

**Celebrant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God,

**All:** **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Glory to God**

**Celebrant:** Glory to God in the highest,

**All:** **and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. AMEN**

## The Collect

*Please remain standing.*

Celebrant: 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

## The Proclamation of the Word

*Please be seated for the readings.*

**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 23: 1-7

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

**Reader:** Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 132: 1-13

*please join in the verses in bold.*

1. Lord, remember David,\*  
and all the hardships he endured:
2. **How he swore an oath to the Lord\***  
**and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:**

3. "I will not come under the roof of my house,\*  
nor climb up into my bed;
4. **I will not allow my eyes to sleep,\*  
nor let my eyelids slumber;**
5. Until I find a place for the Lord,\*  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.\*
6. **"The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah,\*  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.**
7. Let us go to God's dwelling place\*  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."
8. **Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place,\*  
you and the ark of your strength.**
9. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;\*  
let your faithful people sing with joy.
10. **For your servant David's sake,\*  
do not turn away the face of your anointed.**
11. The Lord has sworn an oath to David;\*  
in truth, he will not break it:
12. **"A son, the fruit of your body\*  
will I set upon your throne.**
13. If your children keep my covenant and my  
testimonies that I shall teach them,\*  
**Their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."**

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

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, 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, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 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. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: John 18: 33-37

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Said Response: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**Said Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

## The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

*In each petition, there will be a pause during which you are invited to add your prayers, either silently or aloud.*

The response to each petition is

Leader: God in your mercy,

**All:** hear our prayer.

## Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy: he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All:** we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.  
**AMEN**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**AMEN**

**The Peace**    *Please exchange the Peace with words or a wave only. No hand shaking or touching at this time.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:**    **And also with you.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: The King of Love my Shepherd Is

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*During the Offertory, we offer many things to God. We offer the bread and wine of the Eucharist. We also offer ourselves—our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows, our time, our talent, and our treasure.*

*Please stand, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable*

### The Prayer over the Gifts

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 Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer # 3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
Choral response: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
Choral response: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
Choral response: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom; a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.

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

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All                    we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,  
                          we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things

in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen. Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN**

### **The Breaking of the Bread # 2**

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei sung by the choir

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

### **The Communion**

Please follow the direction of the sidespeople when coming forward to receive communion. We will start at the back of the nave and move forward. Please use the hand sanitizer at the bottom of the chancel steps. Stop in front of Fr. Andrew. After the words "The Body of Christ...", are said, and with your mask still on, step forward to receive the host in your hands, move left, remove your mask and consume the host. Replace your mask, sanitize your hands and follow the arrows to return to your seat.

Hymns During Communion	sung by the choir only
The Love of Jesus Calls Us	434
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus	374

### **The Prayer after Communion**

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Doxology (taken from Ephesians 3:20-21)

**Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Recessional Music**

The flowers at the altars are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Cecil & Mabel Hogan, by Iris

**Please wait for the direction of the sidespeople to leave you so we can avoid having too many people in the aisle at once.**

**2 Samuel 23: 1-7** These verses are reportedly the last words of King David. In the style of a prophet, he speaks of the coming of a just and righteous ruler - one who will appear like the light of morning. This great ruler will come from his own house - the house of David - and will be the fulfillment of the everlasting covenant between God and Israel.

**Psalm 132: 8-15** This psalm is used only once in the entire three-year Sunday lectionary. It is a good response to the first reading, which records the last words of King David before his death. Psalm 132 recalls how God established a royal dynasty through David, and how the Lord swore an oath to be faithful to David. Though David was a great King over Israel, and a great servant of the Lord God, today we celebrate an even greater King, Jesus Christ, whose reign extends through all times and all places.

**Revelation 1: 4b-8** St. John "the Divine" wrote to seven churches in the Roman province of Asia, greeting them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is "the ruler of the kings of the earth". The great King will come again in glory. He will reign as Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the One who was, and who is, and who is to come!

**John 18: 33-37** The Jewish crowds charged Jesus with political treason, so Pontius Pilate asked him plainly, "Are you the King of the Jews?" "My Kingdom is not from this world", Jesus replied, for he was not the political king that the crowds had longed for. Instead, his kingdom is of God, and the citizens of that Kingdom are those who "belong to the truth".

### **Assisting with the service today:**

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Rev'd Andrew MacDonald
Readers:	Sonia Halloran, Suzanne Lehtinen
Intercessor:	MaryLynn Reddon-D'Arcy
Livestream tech:	Julia Hanson
Sacristan:	Wendy Barber
Sidespeople:	Team 3
Altar Guild	Team 3