COLLECT/READINGS FOR THE REIGN OF CHRIST

November 22, 2026

Collect

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1st Reading – A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel, Chapter 34, verses 11-16, 20-24

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.

Psalm **100**

Refrain: We are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.

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

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.

Refrain
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name. **Refrain**
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age. **Refrain**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

2nd Reading – A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians, Chapter 1, verses 15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards 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.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus said, '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, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the

goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

NOTICES

Christmas Memorial Lighting – We are once again launching our Christmas Memorial Lighting. A tree decorated with blue lights, will be located in the back of the church. For every memorial received, a blue bulb will be changed to white. You may support this effort by purchasing a light bulb in memory of a loved one. Memorial information may be printed on the card inside the envelope and placed in the collection plate along with your donation of a suggested $5 per loved one. All memorials will be published in future bulletins and credited to your tax receipts.

White Gift Sunday – We are continuing our tradition of providing Christmas gift cards to those in need. Last year, your generosity helped provide nearly $1,200 in gift cards, and with the rising costs of groceries, we anticipate the need to be just as great, if not greater, this year. You can help by donating gift cards to retail outlets such as Walmart, Superstore, or Sobey's. The deadline for donations is Sunday 13 December.

Christmas Donation Box – Hope Cottage – As in past years, we are hoping to make the lives of patrons of Hope Cottage a little brighter again this Christmas. We would like to collect at least 100 **new** winter hats as well as wrapped candy. Please place donations in the box provided at the back of the church until 7 December.

Christmas Shoe Box – In keeping with our annual tradition, we are again collecting items for a **Christmas Shoe Box for the Mission to Seafarers.** Please do not wrap the box. There is a collection box at the back of the church in which to leave your donations until 7 December.

50th Anniversary Eucharist – All are warmly invited to attend a special diocesan Eucharist to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood in the Anglican Church of Canada. The gathering will begin at 6:00 pm on Monday 30 November at All Saints Cathedral.

IN OUR PRAYERS

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    - St. Mark, Broad Cove
    - St. Michael & All Angels, Petite Riviere
    - St. Alban, Vogler's Cove,
    - St. Mary, Crousetown
- Chester, Nova Scotia
    - St. Stephen, Chester
    - St. George, East River
    - All Saints', Canaan

Our Parish - Jim, Florence, Peggy, Roger, Nancy, Maverick, Connie, Edward, Karl, Blaine, Marie, Deborah