

Rosedale Presbyterian Church

A Member of the St. James Town Ecumenical Coalition



Reign of Christ Sunday

November 26, 2017 – 10:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Meditation (Suite Medievale) - J. Langlais

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #61 *Oh come and sing unto the Lord*
(The Book of Praise, navy blue colour)

CALL TO WORSHIP (*standing*)

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning.

Hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with God is great power to redeem.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (*standing and in unison*)

Eternal God, we praise you for leading us apart from our busy lives
into the quiet of your sanctuary.

Open our hearts to worship you in spirit and truth,
to be strengthened and renewed.

We praise you for the affirmation of your love for us
made clear in the words of Christ.

We praise you for a hope that endures
through Jesus who conquered sin and death.

We praise you for lives transformed by your presence, and
renewed by the promise of new life.

Loving God, you know our inmost thoughts.

In you we hope and in you we live,
receiving peace that is beyond understanding,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION (*seated and sung*)

Let us now with a sincere heart and humble voice,
seek the forgiveness of God.

Lord, have mercy upon us

Christ have mercy upon us

Lord have mercy upon us

O God, make clean our hearts within us

And let thy Holy Spirit dwell in us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*seated and in unison*)

Creator God, in this time of worship,
may you be revealed to us.

May our minds be challenged by your Word
and our hearts respond to your great love in Christ our Lord. Amen

EPISTLE Ephesians 1:15-23

HYMN #474 *The love of God comes close*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (*Children are invited to the chancel steps*)

ANTHEM *Jesus is a rock in a weary lan'* - arr. J.W. Work

Jesus is a rock in a weary lan',

A shelter in the mighty storm.

O Mary's baby... O yes, King Jesus!...

'Postle Paul declared... 'Postle James declared... - trad. Spiritual

GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

Reader: The Word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God**

HYMN #760 *Where cross the crowded ways of life*

SERMON *Turning Evil Into Good*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE (*seated*)

CONFESSION OF FAITH RESPONSE (*standing and in unison*)

The Apostle's Creed (*Book of Praise #539*)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Christ is the World's Light* - E. Thiman

Christ is the world's light, he and none other;

Born in our darkness, he became our Brother:

*If we have seen him, we have seen the Father; **Glory to God on high!***

Christ is the world's peace, he and none other;

No man can serve him, and despise his brother:

*Who else unites us, one in God the Father? **Glory to God on high!***

Christ is the world's life, he and none other.

Sold once for silver, murdered here, our Brother,

*He who redeems us reigns with God the Father, **Glory to God on high!***

Give God the glory, God and none other;
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father:
Give God the glory, God in man my brother: **Glory to God on high!**

HYMN #541 *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour (vss. 1-3)*

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS – The bread and wine, our offerings

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*standing and in unison*)

Generous God,
we place these gifts into your hands.
Infuse them with your transforming grace
that they may bring new hope to weary souls.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Triune God.
It is good to give God thanks and praise.
(The minister will pray ending with the words “we lift up our hearts in joyful praise”)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, (Sung, Tune 829)
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
(The minister will pray ending with the words “as we proclaim the mystery of faith”)

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
(The minister will pray)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAD AND WINE

COMMUNION MOTET *Of the glorious body telling* -T.L. da Victoria

*Of the glorious Body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing.
Giv'n for us, proceeding forth,
Human form He deigns in love to take.*

*He is God with us, Emmanuel;
By His death atonement He doth make,
Gives Himself for sinners' sake.*

*Word made Flesh, by word true bread,
Maketh He His Flesh to be:
Wine His Blood, that man, by it refreshed,
From the stain of sin shall now go free:
Faith and love remission see. Amen*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*seated and in unison*)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. May the celebration of this sacrament stir in us a desire for justice towards those who are poor, and a passion to speak out for the voiceless. We thank you for allowing us to be your hands and feet in the world, as we live out our part in the great family that is your Church. Hear our prayer and help us remember always your call to justice and compassion. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

HYMN #541 *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour* (vs. 5)

THE COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN *T.L. da Victoria*

POSTLUDE *Acclamations "Christ Reigns!" (Suite Medievale)*
- J. Langlais

We invite you to remain in the sanctuary following the Benediction to listen to the Postlude. If you wish to leave, we invite you to do so quietly.

Refreshments will be served in the Great Hall.

Greeter: Bunny Lumsden

Reader: Irene King

Last Week's Offering	\$ 4,236
Operating	\$ 3,326
Presbyterians Sharing	\$ 614
Other	\$ 296
Last Sunday's attendance	62

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion We invite everyone to experience the love and grace of God in the bread and wine. On the trays of bread, the wafers are for those who may suffer from allergies. In the trays of communion wine, the colourless liquid is grape juice.

The Giving Tree One too many travel-sized toiletries in your closet? Have you been collecting for the Giving Tree all year? It's that time of year again - the Sunday school is asking for donations of travel-size toiletries. Boxes will be available at entrance ways and donations collected Nov 12, Nov 19 and Nov 26. Items will be placed into small gift bags, sold on Dec 3, and used to decorate our Christmas tree. The toiletries and money raised will help support mission programs in the city. Donations of knitted items, such as hats and mitts, also make great decorations for our tree! Consider making Christmas a little warmer and a little brighter for our neighbours.

Knitting Guild The annual sale of knitted goods will be held over 3 Sundays: Nov. 26th, Dec 3rd and 10th.

The Globe and Faith considering current events in the light of our Christian faith will meet on Wednesday, November 29th at 10:30 am. Please feel welcome to participate in this group when you're available, even if you're unable to attend regularly. For more information, please contact Wes Denyer who will be facilitating this conversation each week.

Movie Night is Friday, December 1st at 6:30 pm featuring the film "Maudie." Set in 1930s rural Nova Scotia, Maud Dowley suffers from rheumatoid arthritis. Because of her unusual gait from the arthritis, she is often mistaken as a stupid, incapable woman. After an incident with her brother Charlie, Maud decides to seek some independence, and becomes the housekeeper for brusque Everett Lewis, a poor fish seller. Their antagonistic relationship includes Everett beating Maud whenever she will not do what he wants. To keep herself happy, Maud begins to paint. This begins Maud's possible independence from her violent relationship with Everett, who in turn admits that he may need Maud more than she needs him. There will be a showing at 4:30 pm in the Lounge followed by dinner and a discussion. Sign-up sheets for hors d'oeuvres, main course, salad and dessert, or to borrow the DVD, are available at Coffee Hour.

The Bridge and Scrabble Group will meet on Thursday, December 7th. This is a casual, friendly group which welcomes newcomers. Tea and coffee will be served at 12:30 pm. Play begins at 1:00 pm. Please feel welcome to participate in this group when you're available, even if you're unable to attend regularly.

From the Mission Team: Christmas Giving Please use the third line of your envelope to help us with Rosedale's annual Christmas Givings!

Boarding Homes Ministry Our Visiting Team shall again celebrate Christmas on Saturday December 18 with the 30 residents at the Kennedy House on Sherbourne. We shall provide Swiss Chalet Christmas dinners, \$20 for each resident and socks, scarves and toques donated by the Knitting Guild. (approximate cost Swiss Chalet: \$550, monetary gift \$600)

Portland Place To participate in Christmas Celebrations with the 53 adult residents at Portland Place, residents will receive a \$25 gift card of their choice. (cost gift cards \$1325). The 5 children children, (2 boys, 17yrs and 18 mos. And 3 girls 2, 5 and 10yrs) will each receive gifts. (approximate cost childrens' gifts \$175) The Knitting Guild will also donate scarves, hats, mitts or sweaters for the residents.

Lourdes Food Bank Lourdes Food Bank supports many living close to our church. Consider a monetary donation in the weeks before Christmas. Rosedale will hold a Food Drive on 3 Sundays in January.

—~— Upcoming Events —~—

<i>The Globe and Faith</i>	Wednesday, November 29, 10:30 am
<i>Messy Church</i>	Saturday, December 2, 3:30 pm
<i>Session</i>	Wednesday, December 6, 7:30 pm
<i>Bridge and Scrabble</i>	Thursday, December 7, 12:30 pm
<i>Board of Managers</i>	Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 pm

MUSIC

The meaning of our first anthem today is probably self-explanatory in connection with Wes' sermon, but of course takes on special meaning when one considers it having been created by Americans who were the property of other Americans, and faced hard work and persecution as a part of daily life. The reference to a rock, and the line 'shelter in the time of storm' (given today an anguished cry-like setting by the arranger) is often thought to be a set of coded instructions connected with the Underground Railroad: it was unlawful to teach slaves to read or write,

and songs have in many cases been documented as a means of passing secret messages.

Eric Thiman, whose rousing large-scale anthem “Christ is the World’s Light” provides us with the ‘Reign of Christ’ musical content today, was a Congregationalist musician and an extremely prolific composer of church music in early 20th century London. Associated with the now defunct ‘City Temple,’ his legacy also includes some 1300 compositions.

In honour of Communion today I offer two movements of a Medieval-themed suite of one of the most influential of 20th century Parisian organists, Jean Langlais — the first is a meditation on Eucharistic melodies, but the final is a setting of the Acclamation ‘Christus vincit,’ taken from an ancient solemn hymn, Laudes Regiae typically sung in the Catholic Church at solemn events, such as the inauguration of a pope or, in centuries past, at the coronation of the Holy Roman Emperor.

Finally, our Communion motet and Final Amen come from a Counter-Reformation-era Spanish Composer Thomas Luis da Victoria — “Counter” just in case you’ve had enough Reformation talk in this 500th anniversary year!



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Our Mission *We witness to Christ in our spiritual vitality and in our social involvement by nurturing all in the Christian life, communicating the gospel to our community, and inspiring faithful devotion & service*

Our Vision *We seek to be a vital, growing community of faith, with a glad and generous heart, that shares the blessings of the Christian life.*