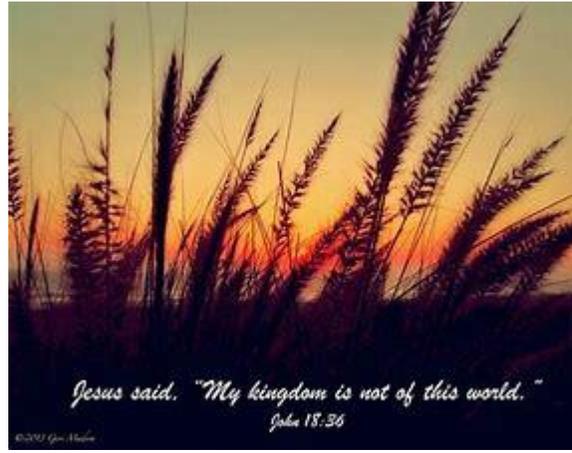


Last Sunday after Pentecost
The Reign of Christ
November 21st 2021



Opening

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

Sentence

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

Collect

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.

Readings

2 SAMUEL 23:1-7;

PSALM 132:1-13 (14-19);

REVELATION 1:4B-8;

JOHN 18:33-37

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Reflection for November 21st from **Fr. Enrique**

The Truth Listens to My Voice

We have reached the last Sunday After Pentecost, before the beginning of the Advent period. And the Church always celebrates and proclaims on this day Jesus Christ, universal King.

I want to do the reflection in these words:

"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." John 18:37

There are many voices competing for my attention. Can I recognize which of these voices is telling me the truth? Which of these voices is false? What is my prayer as I ponder these matters? Which voice are we listening to today?

In these times of fake news, time of technology we hear so many different things; it is so refreshing to hear Jesus solemnly proclaim that he was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. The basic truth is that God is love, and he loves the world that he created, so much so that he sent his son to save it. I wonder how important the truth is to me, and to what extent am I committed to finding it and living up to it.

The kingdom of God is the kingdom of truth and truth is "He said to him, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."* This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* Matthew 22:36-40

That is why Jesus clarifies that He is a witness to the truth of the kingdom of God. Who does not love, does not belong to the kingdom of God, but he belongs to the kingdoms of the world where money and power are above all things?

"My kingdom is not from this world. From the rest of Jesus' words, and especially his actions, it is obvious that He does not mean that his kingdom is totally otherworldly, having nothing to do with the affairs of this world. He means that his kingdom is not built on the basis of seeking power at all costs and with violence, like most of the "kingdoms" of this world, but on other values, mainly Love, Mercy and universal solidarity.

He cries out today, we listen to his voice, and we follow him which means we will face great challenges and problems but that if we truly believe in him and truly have faith in him, we will be like his sheep.: *"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 2 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand."*

We are called to enter the celestial kingdom. We are called to be the family of God and that is why our church is obliged to be members of the family and witnesses of that truth that is called Love, and we recognize the words of the apostle, John: *"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."* 1 John 4:7-8

Whoever hears the voice of the Lord does not fear disease, pain, anguish, loneliness, death, because whoever hears the voice of Christ knows *"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me."* Psalm 23:4

Listen to the voice of God, let us not be diverted by the things of this world because one day we will return to our home to the father's house where we will never again have earthly sufferings and we will live in the love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

God Bless you all

Prayers provided by JoAnne Easton November 21, 2021

In these times of fake news and alternatives facts, it is so refreshing to hear Jesus in John 18, solemnly proclaim that he was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. The basic truth is that God is love and loves the world he created so much that he sent his own Son to save it. We must ask myself how important truth is for us, and to what extent are we committed to find it and live by it. We ask for the grace to seek and listen to his voice. God of life, God of beginnings and endings, today we pause to remember the power of death.

Today we tell the story of what happens when someone angers those in power.

Today we tell a story of betrayal by a friend, trial by government, execution as a way of silencing the one who names injustice.

Today we tell a story that happened long ago in a land far away.

Today we tell a story that continues to happen today in places close at hand.

As we remember the story today help us to see its truth.

As we anticipate Jesus' trial and execution, remind us of those who are found legally guilty for doing and saying the right things.

Also, remind us how easily we slip away when the struggle for justice becomes dangerous or challenging.

As we look at the cross, remind us of the power of government in any age, and remind us of our duty as people of faith to proclaim a different kingdom, a new way of living together. The words and actions of Jesus describe the way and we ask Jesus to help us know his kingdom; to see the world as he sees it.

AMEN

We now pray for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia. AD Rick Jones, Rev. Enrique Martinez, Rev. Jack Cox

For the week beginning Sunday 21 November 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Jason Postma** and the people of **St. James', Paris**.

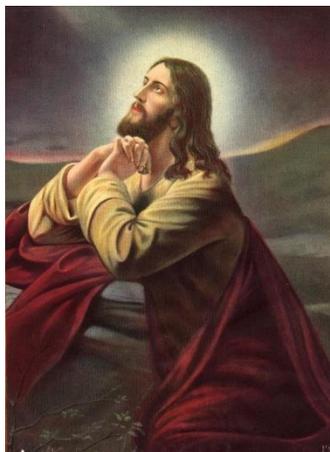
Remembering our shut-ins at home, hospital and in local nursing homes.

June, Shirley, Iris, Julie, John, Sheila, Sylvia, Anna and Jack B.

We pray for the ones who have asked for your healing touch upon their lives: Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale & David F, Rose G, Julie, Barbara S., Carol M., George F., Carol H., and anyone known to you, silently or aloud

It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists, can you please email Anne at lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com or Enrique at enrique6921@gmail.com

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them let us know and we will add to the list



Prayer of Confession

Search us O God and know our hearts today
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,
see if there are any hurtful ways in us
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

Words of Assurance

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others
Amen

Closing Prayer

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

Doxology

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.

Please click on the link to watch this week's Parish Video

<https://youtu.be/RfQFHVJ56-0>

You will find the lyrics to the hymns below

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eucharist services

Sunday November 21st
St. John's Port Rowan

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday November 28th at
Memorial and Woodhouse
9:30 and 11am



If you have anything you would like to contribute or comment on. Any good movies you've seen or books you have read. Do you have memories you want to share? Please send them to Rev. Enrique and he can include in the newspaper.

Any birthdays/anniversaries/special occasions in November – Let me know for the newspaper. We can celebrate you and add some facts that happened on that day in history. I don't need your year of birth, just the month and date. Of course, if you have a special age birthday and want to celebrate it just let me know. If you are interested in this special occasion section, please send me details.



It is anticipated that funding for these projects will be provided through government grants, support from the diocese of Huron and individual donations. **Donations may be made to the Parish of Long Point Bay.**

I really hope that you will support these outreach projects that put our faith into action.

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” James 2:14

Sing Along to this week's Hymns

Hymns for November 21st 2021

HYMN 1 – Rejoice, the Lord is King

1. Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say rejoice!
2. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say rejoice!
3. Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus, the judge, shall come
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

HYMN 2 – How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

- Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
2. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

CONTACT INFORMATION:

At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit, please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.

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