

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

November 26, 2023 11:00 a.m.





**PRELUDE** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

## **GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

BAPTISM - Isaac Wirzba

## INTROIT

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

QUAM DILECTA

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** #3 God, We Praise You!

RUSTINGTON

arr. H. Hobby

- \*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.
- PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Ephesians 1:15-16) Lord, we confess that we keep our faith private for fear of rejection. We confess that we hide our "love-light" under a blanket for fear of being known. We are afraid of exposure. You lavishly pour your love into us but we turn off the faucet so it won't flow out to others. We hoard the love we are meant to give away because we're fearful that it would deplete us. As a faith-hoarder, we decrease ourselves and minimize others As a love-miser, we do not reflect Jesus who is the ultimate love-giver. Foraive us. We need your Spirit to enliven our faith and rekindle our love.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

\*GLORIA PATRI R. Goodson Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and Ever shall be, world without end. Amen

#### ANTHEM

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation arr. D. W. Larson Casey Mingay, Trumpet Please sing with us - refer to the insert

## FIRST READING

Psalm 97 from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"** 

## LITANY

One: May our neighbours hear the daily news that faith and love live here. **Many: They will know we are Christians by our love.** One: May it be broadcast to our city that faith and love flourish in us. **Many: They will know we are Christians by our love.** One: May rumours spread to all of Alberta and beyond that faith and love are alive in us. **Many: They will know we are Christians by our love. All: May we love the world because God first loved us.** 

#### \*HYMN OF HOPE #342 Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

#### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN OF MEDITATION #461 Breathe on Me, Breath of God TRENTHAM

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-19

Page 204, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"** 

SERMON "When God Reigns" Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

## CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Come, Thou Almighty King arr. A. Travis

#### \*New Doxology Let's praise God for each good thing. All creation, shout and sing! Praise three Persons, yet one Love: Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen. \*Prayer of Gratitude

\*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY #569 God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

## **\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **People: And also with you.** 

## \*Choral Benediction

A Closing Prayer

D. Besig

Marco Adria

DARWALL'S 148th

## \*The Sending of the Community \*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

# POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune and Toccata on RUSTINGTON H. Howells

## \*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Prayers - Cheryl Krueger; Prayers of the People - Liz Grinevitch, led by Amanda Strain; Scripture Reading - Gordon Dinwoodie, Louise Adnams; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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— FBC Council