

# St Aidan's Winnipeg Good News Service Last Sunday after Pentecost - Reign of Christ Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 - 10:30 AM

This is our Good News Service taken in the main from the Book of Alternative Services.

#### **God Calls**

Welcome, Notices and Opening Prayer - LK

Call to Worship - LK

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud praises of joy.

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises

Opening Praise Song: SJB

Sentence of Scripture - LK

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high (Luke 24: 49).

**Collect of the Day** – LK

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.

Children's Blessing - LK

# **God Speaks**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1: 1-14 - LK

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**: Acts 11: 1-18 - CB

**Sermon:** The Holy Spirit and the New Testament: "The Early Church and the Holy

Spirit" - CB

The Apostle's Creed - CB

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.

### **God Gives**

Prayers of the People - PDL

Confession and Absolution - PDL

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.

Merciful God, 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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

#### The Peace - PDL

This is the Good News that we believe and proclaim:

"In Christ Jesus, you who were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace... through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father. So, then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."

Fellow citizens and saints, may the peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** 

The congregation now is invited to share the sign of peace

Offertory Song: SJB

Doxology (said) - PDL

Yours LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the splendour, and the majesty;

Everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you O LORD, and from your own, have we given you. Amen.

### **God Sends**

Sending Prayer - PDL

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. AMEN.

# Sending Blessing - PDL

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the One who rules with grace and truth, also fill your hearts with grace and truth, as you serve him in the days ahead in both word and deed. And may the joy of the Lord—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be your strength in all you do. **Amen.** 

Closing Song: SJB

Dismissal - PDL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!