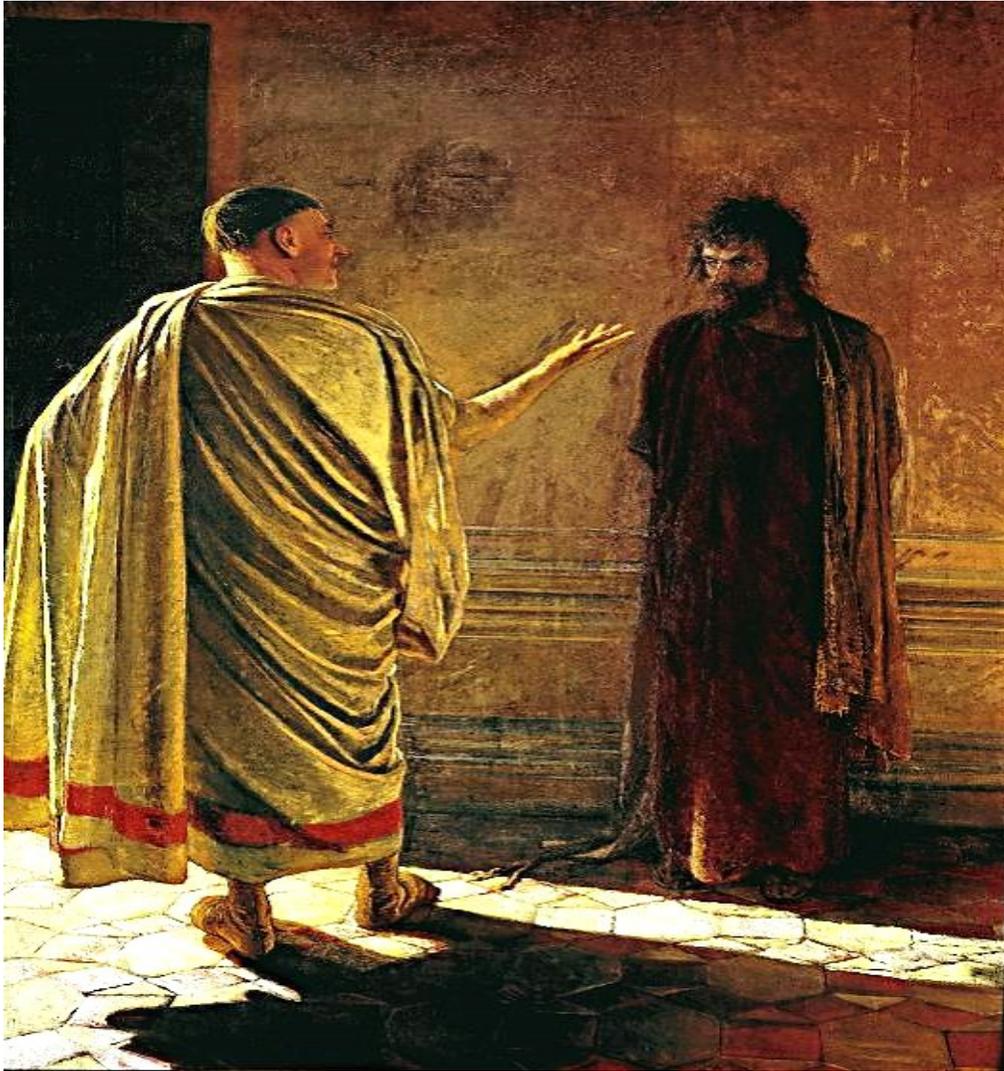




ST. STEPHEN'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH, MAPLE

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king, For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. **John 18:37b**



Ante-Communion

The Last Sunday After Pentecost

The Reign of Christ

November 21, 2021 @ 5:00pm

Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Ian

Prelude

Welcome

St. Stephen's is a missional outpost of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. We share in Christ's mission to make the mercy, forgiveness, and love of God known in all creation; and to invite all into the household of God! Thank you for joining in worship today. Welcome!

Announcements

Bulletins and YouTube links, included in the Call to Worship are also available at ststephensmaple.ca .

Prayers of the People-Please send prayer requests to church@ststephensmaple.ca.

Next Sunday: The First Sunday in Advent: Lessons: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36;

Help publicize St. Stephen's website, YouTube channel and Facebook page.

We give thanks for our Chancel Guild, Readers and Intercessors; for our young people, learning and questioning their faith, and for those preparing for baptism .

Sunday School Online: Families are invited to the York Simcoe Sunday School , on Zoom, every Sunday at 9:30am. [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82142029783?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82142029783?pwd=K2tuYnVnVVVzZUdtY3NoYSthdWg0Zz09)

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Meeting ID: 821 4202 9783. Passcode: 339161

Youth Group: Youth @ St. Stephen's meets biweekly on Wednesdays, 5:30 -6:30 pm on Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85963671776?pwd=SzNWUmY1TEUxNWxlck5TSW11aE00dz09>

Calendar:

November 28, 2021- The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion in person @ 10:00 am .

Evening Prayer in person and via Zoom @ 5:00 pm.

Ante Communion on YouTube , available from 10am.

December 5, 2021- The Second Sunday of Advent. 10am and 5pm

December 12, 2021- The Third Sunday of Advent -Lessons and Carols 10am

December 19, 2021- The Fourth Sunday of Advent- Christmas Pageant 10 am.

December 24, 2021-Eve of Christmas 5pm

December 25, 2021- The Birth of the Lord: Christmas Day- 9 am

Will you please stand.

Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations – the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, with special recognition to the Mississauga of New Credit.

We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by a Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty¹, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishinaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes.

In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

¹[A Dish with One Spoon | The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)



The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus CP 374

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the
sceptre, His the throne; Alleluia!
His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder
like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every
nation Hath redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we
left in sorrow now; Alleluia!
He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him, when the
forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget His
Promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Thou on
earth our food, our stay; Alleluia!
Here the sinful flee to Thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Re-
deemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the
sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the
Lord of lords we own; Alleluia!
Born of Mary, earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in
flesh, our great High Priest; Thou on earth both priest and
victim in the Eucharistic Feast

Greeting

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

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray,
Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,

**That we may perfectly love you,
And worthily magnify your holy name;
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray,

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.**

Will you please sit.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

2 SAMUEL 23:1-7

A Reading from the Second Book of SAMUEL

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my

tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 132: 1- 19

The Lord will dwell in Zion for ever.

Lord, remember David, and all the hardships he endured;

How he swore an oath to the Lord and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

"I will not come under the roof of my house, nor climb up into my bed;

I will not allow my eyes to sleep, nor let my eyelids slumber;

Until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

"The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; we found it in the fields of Jearim.

Let us go to God's dwelling place; let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, you and the ark of your strength.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing with joy.

For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your anointed.

The Lord has sworn an oath to David; in truth, he will not break it:

"A son, the fruit of your body will I set upon your throne.

If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired her for his habitation:

"This shall be my resting-place for ever; here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

I will surely bless her provisions, and satisfy her poor with bread.

I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

There will I make the horn of David flourish; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.

As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; but as for him, his crown will shine."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lord will dwell in Zion for ever.

The Second Reading REVELATION 1:4B-8

A reading from the Revelation to John.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us

and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God

Will you please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 18:33-37

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Fr. Ian

Silent Reflection

Will you please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of
all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became
incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and
is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, King of all Creation, and our great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us: pray for your Church, your broken body in the world and help us to pray.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Help us to pray, for the world, and for the care of all creation.

Silence

Leader: Help us to pray for the homeless, for the 84 million forcibly displaced people worldwide, thousands of whom are trapped near the Polish - Belarussian border.

Silence

Leader: Help us to pray for Tuvalu, Japan, The Philippines, Germany, Madagascar, India, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Rwanda, Canada and Fiji, the countries most threatened by and vulnerable to climate change.

Silence

Leader: Help us to pray for the end of war; for Afghanistan, Mexico, Yemen and Tigray, and for all nations suffering the ravages of war.

Silence

Leader: Help us to pray for Indigenous Peoples in Canada and throughout the earth; for justice and the restoral of right relationships.

Silence

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Lord, we pray, for all people in their daily life and work, especially our neighbours in British Columbia, affected by fires and floods.

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

Leader: We pray for the Village of Maple, the City of Vaughan, and York Region. For Canada our home, and all habitats and homelands throughout the earth.

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: We pray for the just and proper use and, care of creation.

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: We pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: We pray for the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

Leader: We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Linda, Primate of Canada; Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Metropolitan of Ontario; Andrew, Bishop of Toronto and the College of Bishops; the College of Presbyters and all ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: Lord, we pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. Please add your own petitions, aloud or in your heart.

Leader: Hear us, Lord.

For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. Please add your own thanksgivings aloud or in your heart.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our king.

And praise your name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eter-

nal kingdom.

Silence. Please add your own petitions aloud or in your heart.

Leader: Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them.

Who put their trust in you.

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, Lord of all things, ascended far above from the heavens and filling the universe: pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader: Jesus Christ, first-fruits of the new creation, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, until you bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: 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

Silence

Celebrant: Most merciful God,
All: **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;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strength you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All **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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ,
present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people,
who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join
with them to receive you in my heart, and in our
community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be
now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in
bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may
you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with
grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed,
may my hunger for you and for your reign of
justice and peace increase, that I may, with your
Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall
come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Crown Him with Mary Crowns CP 378

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as they matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
Crown the Lord if peace, whose power a sceptre sways,
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,

rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail Redeemer hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

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