



# Reign of Christ Sunday

November 22, 2020, 10:30am

## Gathering Online

The service live stream will begin shortly before 10:30. However, there will be no sound until the service begins. You can find the stream on the FBCH Facebook page or from our website: fbchalifax.ca (click "Join us Online"). Services are also posted to the FBCH YouTube page on Sunday afternoon.

## Gathering in the FBCH Sanctuary

Once in your pew, we invite you to open yourself to God through prayer and reflection. You may take time to concentrate on your breathing and consider the worries and hopes you bring with you today. You may choose to allow the beauty of the sanctuary to inspire personal prayer and reflection. This time of prayer and reflection is for you. Welcome it even as God welcomes you.

**Wifi Password for FBCH Guest: youareloved**



**Prelude**

**Lynette Wahlstrom, organ**

*Jesus Shall Reign - C. Penfield*

**Welcome**

**Rusty Edwards**

*If joining on Facebook Live, we invite you to say hello to everyone by posting a comment to the live stream.*

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

*If you have a candle at home, we invite you to light it as a way to centre yourself for worship. Even though the FBCH community is not gathered in person, the lights of our candles remind us that Christ is with us and unites us together.*

## Interlude - DUKE STREET

**\*Call to Worship**

**Rhonda Schofield**

God most holy, you are known to us as the Almighty, Powerful, Eternal, Ruler, and Lord.

**We call you Shepherd and Guide.**

We praise you with many names, but you are beyond our imagination, so much greater than our words.

**We know you in the stories of Jesus and in him, we see your love in action, reaching out to the world.**

You move in us and through us by your Spirit, drawing us to you, sending us to live out your Word.

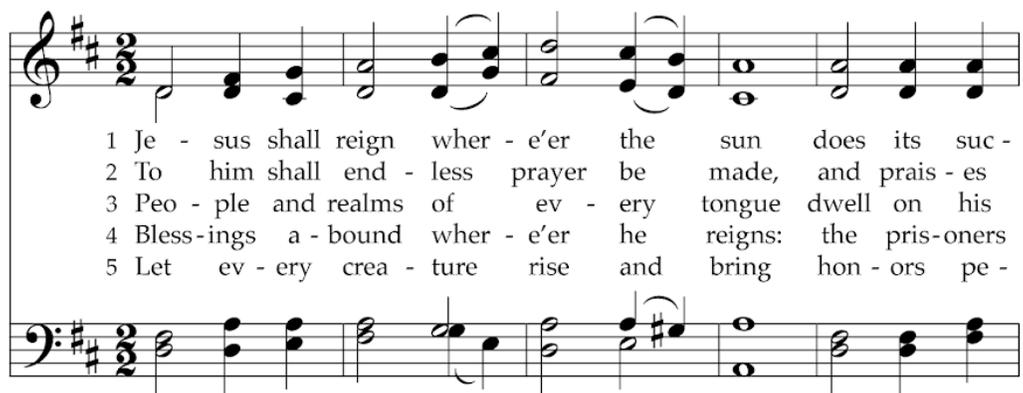
**God most holy, Three in One and One in Three, we praise you  
with our lips and with our lives we offer you honour and love.**

**\*Prayer of Approach**

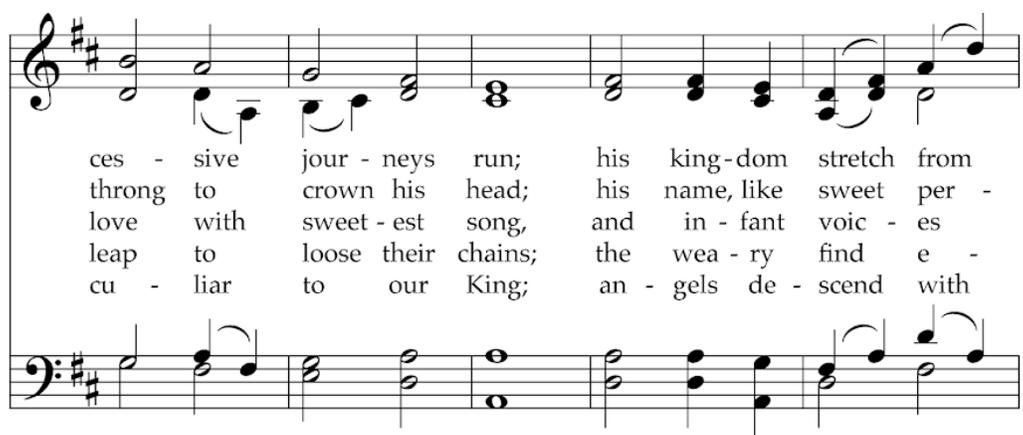
**O Lord, you are the first and the last, our beginning and our end.  
We come with a sincere desire to walk in Chrsit's Way and live  
under your reign. Guide us as we worship and as we live. Amen.**

**Hymn on Next Page**

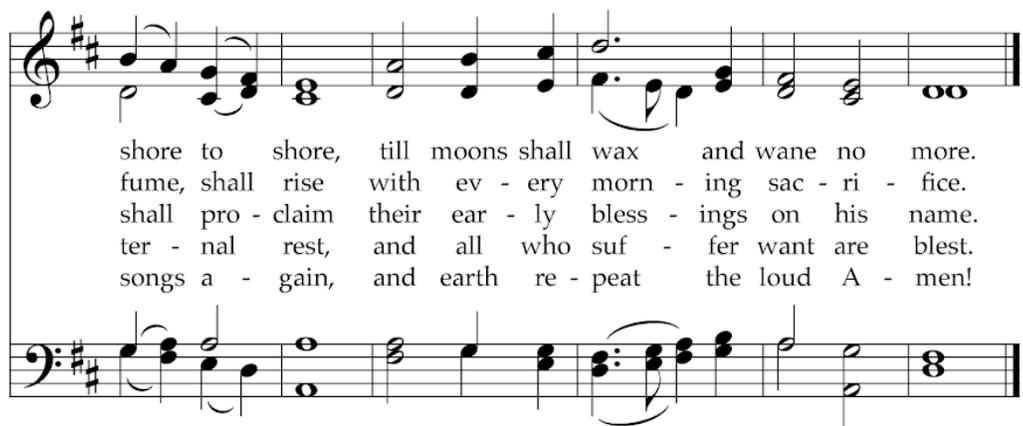
# 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 thron - g to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -  
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
 MUSIC: Attr. John Hatton, c. 1793

DUKE STREET  
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## **Gospel Reading: Luke 23:1-5**

**Rhonda Schofield**

*The New Revised Standard Version*

<sup>23:1</sup>Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.

<sup>2</sup>They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' <sup>3</sup>Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' <sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' <sup>5</sup>But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

## **Children's Story**

**Rhonda Schofield**

## **Responsive Psalm 100**

**Rusty Edwards**

*The Inclusive Bible Translation*

Acclaim the LORD with joy, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Enter into God's presence with a joyful song!

**Know that the LORD is God! The LORD made us, and we belong to the Creator; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise! Give thanks to God! Bless God's Name!

**For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, God's faithfulness to all generations.**

## **Doxology - OLD HUNDREDTH**

## **First Testament Reading: Daniel 6:6-27**

**Rusty Edwards**

*The New Revised Standard Version*

<sup>6:6</sup>So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, 'O King Darius, live for ever! <sup>7</sup>All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. <sup>8</sup>Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.'

<sup>9</sup>Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict.

<sup>10</sup>Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open towards Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise God, just as he had done previously. <sup>11</sup>The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. <sup>12</sup>Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, ‘O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?’ The king answered, ‘The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.’ <sup>13</sup>Then they responded to the king, ‘Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.’

<sup>14</sup>When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. <sup>15</sup>Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, ‘Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.’

<sup>16</sup>Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, ‘May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!’ <sup>17</sup>A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. <sup>18</sup>Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

<sup>19</sup>Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions.

<sup>20</sup>When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, ‘O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?’ <sup>21</sup>Daniel then said to the king, ‘O king, live for ever! <sup>22</sup>My God sent God’s angel and shut the lions’ mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before God; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.’

<sup>23</sup>Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be

taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. <sup>24</sup>The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

<sup>25</sup>Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: ‘May you have abundant prosperity! <sup>26</sup>I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel:

For this one is the living God,  
enduring for ever.

This God’s kingdom shall never be destroyed,  
and this one’s dominion has no end.

<sup>27</sup> This God delivers and rescues,  
works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth;  
for this God has saved Daniel  
from the power of the lions.’

*Reader* For the Word of God in Scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Spoken Reflection**

**Rusty Edwards**

*Raw Meat Delivered*

**Interlude - STUTTGART**

**Prayers of the People**

**Rusty Edwards**

*During the silent pause, those following on Facebook Live are invited to participate by offering prayers and prayer requests. May the comment feed be a reminder that we are gathered as a community.*

**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 that 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.**

## Hymn

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

# 83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744  
MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715, alt.

STUTTGART  
8.7.8.7  
(alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 82)

**Benediction**

**Rusty Edwards**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude**

**Lynette Wahlstrom, organ**

*Diademata Fanfare* - G.J. Elvey, arr. Rebecca te Velde



## **Offerings**

*All contributions to FBCH support our mission and ministry and are greatly appreciated. Many choose to give by setting-up recurring contributions. You may also give to FBCH by making an e-transfer or by giving on-line through a link on our website. You can go to our website [www.fbchalifax.ca](http://www.fbchalifax.ca) and click on the Ways to Give link on our homepage for instructions on how to give.*



## **Thank you to our live stream worship leaders**

Lynette Wahlstrom, Director of Music

Rhonda Schofield, Interim Minister of Faith Development

Jean Ferguson, Coordinator of Congregational and Community Engagement

Rusty Edwards, Senior Minister

Hymn Choir: Bethany Ingraham, *soprano*; Rosalie Dowling, *alto*;

Leander Mendoza, *tenor*; André Gaudet, *bass*



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