The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

Nought be all else to me, save that thou art.

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,

Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction Rev. Rola Al Ashkar

Response: "Shalom"

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi.

(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani.

(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)

In Appreciation:

Online Greeter May Lee
Parking T. Fukuman
Sound System T. Tambara
Zoom Moderator: Lois Van Beers



The Celebration of Worship

November 21, 2021 • Christ the King Sunday
Guest Pastor:
Rev. Rola Al Ashkar
Worship Leader:
Judy Fukuman
Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader:
Miyo Uchida

Prelude Haruko Sakakibara

Welcome/Announcements/Candlelighting Rev. Rola Al Ashkar

Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Call to Worship

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Our king of peace longs for us to know life in all its fullness,

People: offering us renewal and refreshment,

Leader: ruling over creation with hope and forgiveness.

People: Let us trust in the promise of the gospel.

All: Let us worship God.

Confession Prayer

Judy Fukuman

Leader: On this Christ the King Sunday, Jesus, our sovereign ruler, our friend, our Master and guide has asked us to reach out to feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked, visit the sick and those imprisoned; welcome the stranger. These words are not unfamiliar to us, yet somehow we have treated them as nice words but not an active part of our life of faith.

People: Forgive us, Lord, for the meagerness of our faith and the weakness of our witness. Rule our lives again with Your powerful love, that we might truly be worthy disciples of Yours. Help us to find the forgiveness which You have given to us and to do Your will. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Even though we have often failed to do as our Lord Jesus has asked, yet there is eternal forgiveness and a chance to again follow his ways. Be assured, dear friends, that the love of Jesus Christ will never leave you. Be his witnesses throughout the world.

All: Amen.

Response to God's Forgiveness

All: Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Judy Fukuman

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Rola Al Ashkar

Hymn: "God is Here Today"

Sing twice.

God is here today;

as certain as the air I breathe,

as certain as the morning sun that rises,

as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

Judy Fukuman

All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Japanese Reading: Psalm 93:1-3

Miyo Uchida

The Lord is King;

he has put on splendid apparel;

the Lord has put on his apparel

and girded himself with strength.

He has made the whole world so sure

that it cannot be moved;

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

1st Scripture Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Judy Fukuman

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming

with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

2nd Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

Rev. Rola Al Ashkar

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.

Sermon Rev. Rola Al Ashkar

"What Vision and What King?"

Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

"Count Your Blessings"

Time for silent reflection.

Opportunity To Present Offerings

Judy Fukuman

Doxology

Judy Fukuman

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Judy Fukuman

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Rola Al Ashkar