



Christ the King Sunday November 26, 2023

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Our mission: Sharing our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.*

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Duke Street* attr. John Hatton arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Words of Welcome

Prelude: *Duke Street* attr. John Hatton arr. Richard W. Wienhorst

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God: who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: Have mercy, O God. Against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

C: Blessed be God forever.

Gathering Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign

ELW #434

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise: Blessing and Honor

ELW #854

1. Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r,
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
be to the Lamb who our battle has won,
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne;
whose are the kingdom, the crown and the throne!
2. Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;
let all the earth sing his glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow'r
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r; echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.
3. Ever ascending the song and the joy,
ever descending the love from on high;
blessing and honor and glory and praise –
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
4. Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,
dying in weakness and rising to reign; dying in weakness and rising to reign!

L: Let us all pray: **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7a

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

L: For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C: In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

L: The seas is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

C: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

L: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

1. O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our king?
What royal face have you revealed whose praise the church would sing?
Aspiring not to glory's height, to power, wealth, and fame,
you walked a diff'rent, lowly way, another's will your aim.
2. You came, the image of our God, to heal and to forgive,
to shed your blood for sinners' sake that we might rise and live.
To break the law of death you came, the law of love to bring:
a diff'rent rule of righteousness, a diff'rent kind of king.
3. Though some would make their greatness felt and lord it over all,
you said the first must be the last and service be our call.
O Christ, in workplace, church, and home, let none to power cling;
for still, through us, you come to serve, a diff'rent kind of king.
4. You chose a humble human form and shunned the world's renown;
you died for us upon a cross with thorns your only crown.
But still, beyond the span of years, our glad hosannas ring,
for now at God's right hand you reign, a diff'rent kind of king!

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed. (ELW p.104)

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Prayers of the People (petitions end with: Hear us, O God... **your mercy is great.**)

P: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

The Offering (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, by extending our weekly worship beyond the four walls of the church via livestreaming. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory: Give Thanks and Rejoice

David Paxton

Offering Response: We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW #686

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Offertory Prayer: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Be Known to Us

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Refrain:

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to
become our bread;

so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

1. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. (refrain)
2. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. (refrain)

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us,
and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us all pray... **C: Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen
Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this
meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of
your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SENDING

L: God, the Source of glory... God, the Word of life... God, the Spirit of truth...
(+) bless you all, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Crown Him With Many Crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
2. Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown him the Lord of love – behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.
4. 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.
5. Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Diademata*

G.Elvey

arr. John Troutman

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Announcements for the week of November 26:

- Today: Hanging of the Greens – after worship
- Tues., 11/28: Nominating committee meets at 10:30 am - Library
- Thu., 11/30: Handbells rehearse at 5:40 pm in the Sanctuary
- NEXT SUNDAY (12/3): Reception of new members during worship – 1st Sunday of Advent

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Giving Tree project!

Worship Texts for Next Sunday: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37