

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2024

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your only Son, who was rejected, the Savior who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his kingship illumines our lives. Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages, and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth. We ask this through your risen Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

arr. Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord”

Jacques Berthier, 1980

Sing, Praise, and bless the Lord.

Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

***Call to Worship**

Leader: “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

People: Blessing and honor and glory and might be unto the Lamb!

Leader: Worthy is Christ who has ransomed us by his blood from every tribe and tongue and nation, and made his people a kingdom and priests to our God.

People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and is and is to come. Amen and Amen!

***Hymn**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him as we should. We are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
(*Silent prayer of confession*)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn** “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” (verse 1) #688

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

Choir Anthem “Zion, at Thy Shining Gates”

K. Lee Scott, 1990

Zion, at thy shining gates, lo, the King of glory waits;
Haste your monarch now to greet, strew thy palms before his feet.
Christ, for thee their triple light, faith and hope and love unite;
This the beacon we display to proclaim thine advent day.
Come and give us peace within, loose us from the bands of sin,
Take away the galling weight laid on us by greed and hate.
Give us grace thy yoke to wear, give us strength thy cross to bear,
Make us thine in deed and word, thine in heart and life, O Lord.
So when thou shalt come on high, judge of earth and of the sky,
We with all thy saints shall sing Alleluias to our King.

Second Scripture Reading

John 18:33-38a

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

“Jesus Is the Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth”

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd’s life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God’s love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God’s reconciling work.

***Hymn**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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Prayers of the People and the 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

***Response**

Doxology

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***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God’s People

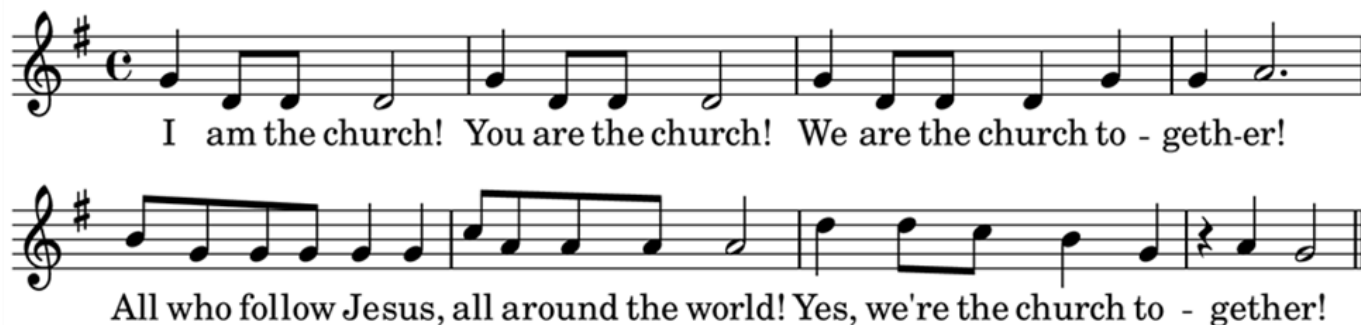
***Closing Hymn**

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

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***Charge and Blessing**

*Congregational Response “We Are the Church”



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!".

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*Postlude

“Thanksgiving”

arr. Charles Callahan

Pastors: Désirée M. Youngblood
Steven A. Watters

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Liturgist: Kelly Armfelt

Flowers: The flowers are given by Pastors Désirée & Mark in celebration of Devin Griggs' 13th birthday on November 29.