



CHRIST
THE KING
SUNDAY

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Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE . . . *Michael Keating*

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are an open and affirming church. Together, let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news which we celebrate this day!

All: We gather to celebrate and joyfully sing to our God!

L: Together, let us share our praises and thankfulness.

All: **Come, let us enter into this sacred space with praise.**

L: You O God, are the Holy God always and forever!

All: **You are the Eternal One from whom all things come.**

L: Come, let us enter into this sacred space with thanks.

All: **O God, we are your children, created by and with your love. Come, let us enter into this sacred space with joy and delight. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P: *Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.*

All: **Amen.**

P: *One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.*

Silence is kept for reflection

P: *O God, our merciful redeemer,*

All: **we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: *In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.*

All: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN . . . "Crown Him with Many Crowns" vs.

1, 4, 5

Text: Matthew Bridges - Tune: George J. Elvey - ELW #855



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

GREETING

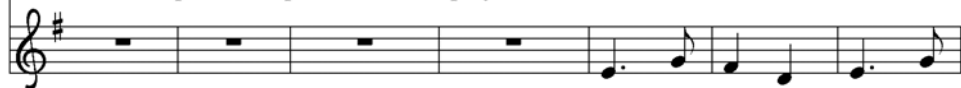
P: God of hosts most gracious, God the Son who saves us,
God the Spirit placed upon us, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

KYRIE



L: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



L: For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord.

L: For your

All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



word, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have



L: Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

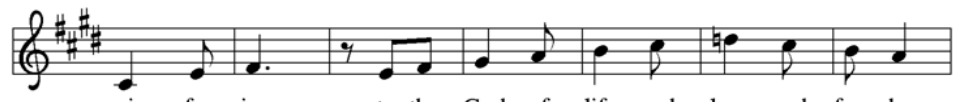
mer - cy.

All: A - men.

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION



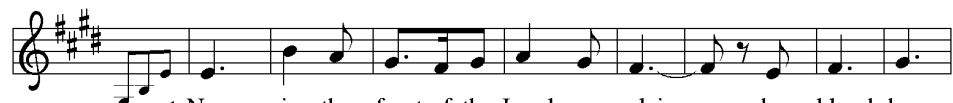
All: Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



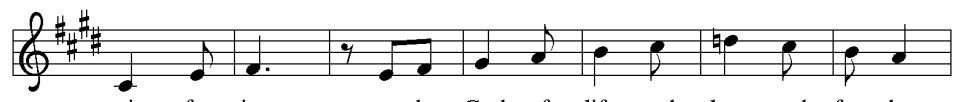
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



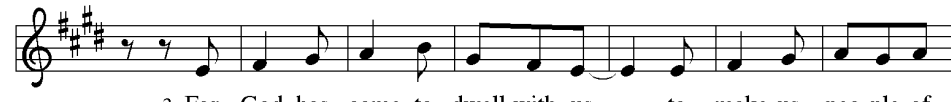
Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever.

All: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “*O Jesus, King Most Wonderful*”

WE LISTEN AND THINK

FIRST READING . . . *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel’s message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to “one like a human being,” the Messiah.

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.

SECOND READING . . . *Revelation 1:4b-8*

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world’s rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand



ALLELUIA VERSE

All: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighteenth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . Pastor Tim

Please Stand

HYMN . . . "Rejoice, for Christ Is King!" vs. 1, 2

Text: Charles Wesley - Tune: William E. Fischer - ELW #430

1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his scat a - bove:

Refrain
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -
joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Be Seated

MESSAGE . . . Pastor Tim

Please Stand

A CREED FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

L: Let us confess our faith with a creed for Christ the King Sunday.

All: We affirm and celebrate Christ the King and Christ's kingdom. Christ is a different kind of king and his is a different kind of kingdom. Christ the King shows power through suffering love rather than

overwhelming might. Christ the King draws to his side the least, the lowly, the outcast and the vulnerable rather than those who have wealth and status. Christ the King calls for peace in place of violence, generosity instead of "getting ahead," compassion rather than selfish ambition. In his topsy-turvy kingdom, the last are first, the least are greatest and enemies are loved. One day every knee will bow before this king and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Let our knees be the first to bend and our voices first to proclaim that Christ the King is worthy to receive all glory and honor and praise, forevermore. Amen.

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

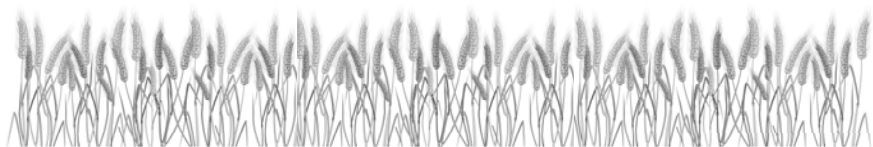
L: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have received much from God—grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift of life itself.

All: In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks for these gifts. Let us now offer what we can as a way of saying, "Thank you." In gratitude for God's generosity, let us share God's abundance with one another.

Be Seated

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand



OFFERTORY

Refrain

All: As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world.

All: As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.



THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. You reveal your goodness through the majesty of what you have created. Bring favorable weather to places affected by storms, protect plants and animals from devastation, and guide us in our use of all natural resources. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: You desire justice in the world. Grant to courts wise and discerning judges, attorneys, and public defenders, and guide the rulers of nations to bring about peace. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: You are our beginning and end. Soothe the afflicted, comfort the distressed, console the bereaved, and heal the sick. Give all who provide care a measure of your compassion and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: You call us to serve our neighbors. Nourish us with word and sacrament so that we serve as your hands and feet in the world. Protect those who are traveling, and bless those who are unable to attend worship today. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

L: Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on five staves in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: L: The Lord be with you. All: And al - so with you. L: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them to the Lord. L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, and inspire us to love,

that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Risen Savior gave us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

P: For food and drink.

All: We give thanks!

P: For the bread and the cup.

All: We give thanks!

P: For being together in the ways of Jesus.

All: We give thanks!

P: For living in the ways of peace and community.

All: We give thanks!

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.



LAMB OF GOD



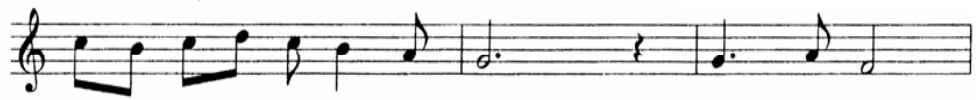
All: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



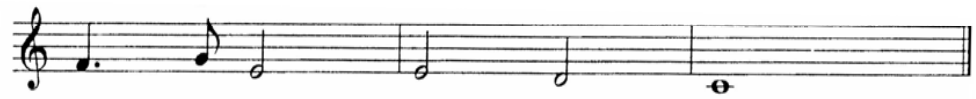
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Grape juice white, wine is red.

If you desire communion brought to you,
please let an usher know.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Beautiful Savior”

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster - Tune: Silesian folk tune – ELW #838



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



COMMUNION HYMN . . . “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Text: Edward Perronet - Tune: Oliver Holden - ELW #634



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: O God, you are Hospitality. You are Welcome. You are the Invitation, the Table, the Feast. By your spirit may we learn to receive and offer grace, to share from the sustenance of our lives and not simply its crumbs.

All: Embolden us as we serve as the voice of those who continue to ask the church for justice and bread. In Christ we pray. Amen.

POST COMMUNION THANKS

All: Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.
From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to you for
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us.
Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

WE CARRY GOD'S CARING LOVE TO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

P: As you go forth from this place, may the words of praise you have been singing resound in your hearts and echo in your lives so that each person you meet will know of Christ our King!

All: Amen.

SENDING OUT . . . "Jesus Shall Reign" vs. 1, 5

Text: Isaac Watts – Tune: attr. John Hatton – ELW #434

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar
ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

DISMISSAL

L: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



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