

Let us come into his presence with

THANKSGIVING;



let us make a joyful noise to him with

SONGS OF PRAISE!



For the Lord is a great God, and a

GREAT KING



Psalm 95:2-3

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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Christ The King

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

PRELUDE . . . “Rejoice, for Christ Is King!”

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

INVOCATION

*P: Holy people of God, called through the gospel of Christ,
enlightened by the Spirit: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.*

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L1: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: O Lord my God, you are very great.

L1: Today brings all we need to praise our loving God.

All: Creator, you have made us in your image.

L1: Today brings all we need to live in peace and purpose.
All: Redeemer, you have called us to new life.
L1: Today brings all we need to live abundantly.
All: Renewer, you have brought us together to sing your praise.
L1: Today brings together many generations who grow together in faith and affirm and support one another.
All: Companion, you guide us to your beloved community.
L1: Today brings a world in need of healing and wholeness.
All: Healer, you inspire us to ministry and action.
L1: For the church, the society and the world,
All: Lord our God, we humbly enter into worship.
L1: Prepare our hearts.
All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross.

P: Mighty God, when we confuse your rule in our lives with our personal power, forgive us.
All: Guide us on paths of humility, remembering that your kingdom is not of this world.
P: Guide us on paths of righteousness, partnering with you to bring your kingdom to this world.
All: Guide us on paths of thanksgiving, recognizing that your gifts and blessings enable us to walk in your ways, partner with you in creation, and love as you taught us to love.
P: In trust of your powerful grace and your mighty love, we pray.
All: Amen.

Time of silent reflection . . .

P: Christ who is both Alpha and Omega, mercy and grace, power and might, loves us and frees us from our sin,
All: making us a kingdom of compassion and love to bring mercy and grace to this earth.

LITANY OF MANY GENERATIONS

L1: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

All: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

L2: We give thanks for Eve,

All: God be praised.

L1: Deborah and Esther,

All: God be praised.

L2: Ruth and Naomi,

All: God be praised.

L1: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

All: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

L2: For the mother of our Lord,

All: God be praised.

L1: And Mary Magdalene,

All: God be praised.

L2: Mary and Martha,

All: God be praised.

L1: The Samaritan woman,

All: God be praised.

L2: All who walked with Jesus,

All: God be praised.

L1: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

All: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

L2: All who died for faith,

All: God be praised.

L1: All who vowed to serve you,

All: God be praised.

L2: Florence Nightingale,

All: God be praised.

L1: Teresa of Avila,

All: God be praised.

L2: Katharina von Bora,

All: God be praised.

L1: All renewers of your church,

All: God be praised.

L2: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

All: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

L1: For Harriet Tubman,

All: God be praised.

L2: Sojourner Truth,

All: God be praised.

L1: All renewers of society,

All: God be praised.

L2: For all women

All: God be praised.

L1: Our families,

All: God be praised.

L2: Generations to come,

All: God be praised.

L1: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

All: For the many generations, we give thanks to you, O God.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L2: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings.

All: Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding ways. And now may we open our ears to your continually unfolding Word. You speak to us in new and vital and imperative ways.

All: With all the power you have given us, let us be silent and open to listening... for nourishment, comfort, for challenge and new focus. Amen.

READING . . . *Matthew 25:31-46*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L2: Ruler of creation, through our gifts this day, bring your reign of love and compassion here on earth.

All: Bless these gifts of thanksgiving and praise, that others may have reason for gratitude and joy. In your mighty love, we pray. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L1: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need. Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L2: You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L1: Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L2: Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L1: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L2: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L1: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.

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BENEDICTION

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made,

All: who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service,

P: give us reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with us today and always.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L2: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE . . . “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

SINGING BOWL

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