

Sunday, November 22nd – 9:00 a.m.

Christ the King

INTRODUCTION

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.

PRELUDES

"Agnus Dei"
"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"
"The Way, the Truth, and the Life"

Georges Bizet, Arr. R. Thygerson
T. Birchwood
S. Scott

WELCOME

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

A: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Sung by Barbara Grubb
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All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call the God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all. The God Incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

A: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

A: ⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

R ^{7a}For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

THE ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (Sung)

Sung by Barbara Grubb

Alleluia! Lord and savior; open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then 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; ³⁵for 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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And 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.’ ⁴¹Then 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; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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.’ ⁴⁴Then 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?’ ⁴⁵Then 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.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON by Pastor Tina Mackie

APOSTLES' CREED

P & A: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These removed people will still be in our private prayers

A: On this the last Sunday of the church year, let us pray to see God's reign in the church, in the world, and with all in need, responding to each petition with the words "In mercy, receive our prayers."

A. Great God, we praise you for sustaining the church through another year of grace. Continue to shepherd your people with your tender care. Sustain the social ministries of the body of Christ, and increase ecumenical sharing of opportunities for ministry.

You are the great and holy God.

P: In mercy, receive our prayers..

A: Sustain the world that you have made, the heights of the hills, the seas and the dry land. Guard the animals during the winter months, and direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all. Be a source of strength and refuge for all weathering severe storms

You are the great and renewing God:.

P: In mercy, receive our prayers.

A: Bring peace to every place where conflict rages, that your reign may be honored throughout the world. Be with the people of Armenia, Ethiopia, and Hong Kong. Bless the work of the United Nations and of agencies that promote the wellbeing of all peoples.

You are the great and peacemaking God

P: In mercy, receive our prayers.

A: Bring a peaceful conclusion to the American national elections. Bless all the newly elected officials with a love of concord and a desire for justice. Turn us away from historic prejudices, and show us your image in each of our neighbors.

You are the great and reconciling God.

P: In mercy, receive our prayers.

A: Visit American homes on Thanksgiving Day. When we are separated from loved ones, embrace us with your care. Keep gatherings safe. Even in our reduced celebrations, give us voices to offer thanks to you for your perpetual blessings.

You are the great and generous God.

P: In mercy, receive our prayers.

A: We beg you to end the earth's pandemic. Bring healing to the millions who are suffering from the coronavirus – any who are sick, dying, despairing, isolated, unemployed, and all exhausted medical workers. Guide researchers in developing a vaccine.

(Please read only 1st Name and Congregation can read with AM instead of Echoing)

Virgil Emswiler, Roxanne Robinson, Christine Roleski

You are the great and healing God.

P: In mercy, receive our prayers.

P: Show your loving power to all who are in need. Equip us to feed the hungry, to provide clean water for the thirsty, to welcome the stranger, to clothe the naked, to care for the sick, to visit the prisoners. We pray especially for. . . .

(A longer period of silence)

Others for whom you may wish to pray: (names submitted by our members):

Kenneth Bauer, Deb Althoff, Mike Anthony, Joanne Frederick, John Frederick, Judi Geri, Robert Hindle, Deb Hoff, Glenn Hoff, Amy Hollar, Tom Hughes, Dottie Jacques, Rich Kleylein, Ryan Law, Mary Lesh, Cindy Levengood, Ellen Levy-Gray, Jay Markwart, James Newson, Diane Pannella, Jennifer Paris, Judi Rittenhouse, Brookelyn Rogers, Lynn Schmitt, Brian Spitko, Doris Sypher, Ron Taylor, Chuck Vammen, Vicki Walker, Luke Walton, and Greg Wick

You are the great and gracious God.

A: In mercy, receive our prayers.

P: We appeal to you, Sovereign God, we who are like both the sheep and the goats, and we ask that in compassion you will hear the prayers of our own hearts.

You are the great and gracious God.

A: In mercy, receive our prayers.

P: We praise you for all the saints who have died in the faith, especially this week for the hymnwriter Isaac Watts, who gave us words to praise the reign of Christ. At the end of all things, bring us together with all the saints into your kingdom of joy.

You are the great and eternal God:

A: In mercy, receive our prayers.

P: Receive our prayers, O triune God: Father of glory, Lord Jesus Christ, and Spirit of wisdom, now and forever.

A: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

A: And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another

OFFERING

If you wish to make an electronic offering at this time, please go to our website;

***zionofspringcity.org** and make your contribution there. Download the GIVE+ App, or text 610-595-9674 to set up a one-time or recurring donation amount. You may also use PayPal if you would like, please go to this website <https://www.zionofspringcity.org/electronic-giving/>.*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Canticle of the Turning"

Sung by Barbara Grubb

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

P: Amen



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

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

A: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung)

Sung by Barbara Grubb

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

A: 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 COMMUNION

P: There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

A: Amen.

SHARING IN COMMUNION -

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

A: I believe or Amen (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you

A: I believe or Amen (Congregation will drink the wine)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his precious blood, strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

A: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

P: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

A: Amen

THE SENDING HYMN "Soon and Very Soon" Sung by Barbara Grubb

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Soon and very soon we are going to see the King ! (3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are going to see the king !
Hallelujah (4)

DISMISSAL

A: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
P & A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Epilogue on "Silver Street"

L. Smith Tune: Isaac Smith

BULLETINS

In honor and pride of my daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and TJ, on their wedding anniversary by Laura Clark.

In honor and pride of my grandson, Jackson's first birthday by Laura Clark.

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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Esther 2: 1-18	Lowly Esther becomes queen
Tuesday	Esther 8: 3-17	Queen Esther saves her people
Wednesday	John 5: 19-40	The judgment of the Son
Thursday	Ezekiel 33: 7-20	The righteous will live
Friday	Revelation 19: 1-9	Praise of God's judgments
Saturday	Psalms 7	God the righteous judge