



# The Feast of Christ the King

## Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### 10am

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!*  
*Mark 11:9-10*

#### Prelude

Opening Hymn      #625 ~ *Ye Holy Angels Bright*

Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race  
and now, from sin released, behold the Savior's face,  
God's praises sound, as in his sight with sweet delight ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below, adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ever lives!

My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above:  
and with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days till life shall end, whate'er he send, be filled with praise.

**Leader:** In the image of Christ, we are created;

**People:** In the spirit of Christ, we are knit together.

**Leader:** In the body of Christ, we are reborn;

**People:** In the love of Christ, we are reconciled.

**Leader:** O come, let us sing Hosanna to God-

People: Whose fullness in Christ was pleased to dwell,

All: Whose fullness in us desires to live!

### The Gloria

1982 Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth,  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### Old Testament

#### [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

## The Psalm

### Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \***  
**and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 **The LORD of hosts is with us; \***  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 **God is in the midst of her;**  
**she shall not be overthrown; \***  
**God shall help her at the break of day.**
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 **The LORD of hosts is with us; \***  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 **It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \***  
**he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,**  
**and burns the shields with fire.**
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 **The LORD of hosts is with us; \***  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

## The Epistle

### Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers~ all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in

everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### Gospel Hymn

*Heaven Shall not Wait* (Graham Maule & John L. Bell)

Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience,  
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:  
Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted;  
in him injustice confronts its timely end.

Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes,  
the proud to fall, the élite to tend the least:  
Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's privilege—  
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.

Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas,  
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:  
Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action;  
his cross and company make his purpose plain.

Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs,  
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:  
Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection;  
his power and love are for now; and then for evermore.

### The Gospel

[Luke 23:33-43](#)

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

### The Sermon

The Rev. John Beach

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

Loving God, you have assured us that the days are surely coming when your people will know peace, your people will no justice, your people will know righteousness. Confident in your promises, we proclaim with faith: The Lord is righteousness.

You have assured us that a leader will come to rule with wisdom. We pray for those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially Mark Armentrout, Elin Babin, David Bell, Diane Brophy, Paul Brophy, Paul & Sharon Cacciola, Marie Connors, Barbara Cox, Bill Cox, Don DiGiacomo, Oriol Pi-Sunyer, Jim Dockery, Janet Dunton, Beth (Manoogian) DuPlessie, Jim & Tim Eldridge, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Carolyn Hashem, Tom Hashem, Bruce Higgins, Louis Hoelzl, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Dennis Lancaster, Janet Lancaster, Ron Luongo, Janet Macrina, Matt, Lori M., Mary & Dante, Trudy Miller, Harriet Miraglia, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Bonnie Muise, Fran Muise, Sara Murray, Bill, Sandy, and David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Terrie Sevier, Kelly Shaw, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Victoria Smith, Jennifer Sulyma, Meghan Tapley, Addison White, Walter, and Rachel. We pray this day for those in particular need of justice, righteousness, and mercy. We pray for the trampled, the ignored, the brushed aside. We pray for the home-less, the love-less and the health-less. We pray for leaders in governments, homes, communities, and schools, that they may know the influence of wisdom rather than power; and declare with faith;

**The Lord is righteousness.**

We take comfort that our departed loved ones and friends are now in your eternal loving care, especially Richard & Isabelle Hull, Robert & Ruth Sketchley, Marilyn Tarr Schiappa, Kathryn Sweny, and George Gulliford, affirming,

**The Lord is righteousness.**

You have assured us of the salvation and safety of your people. We pray this day for those who only know violence: those whose countries have been torn apart by invasion, civile war, and private armies, those whose communities have been forgotten by all but the warlords and gangs, those whose homes are places of danger and fear rather than sanctuary and love. May they declare with certitude:

**The Lord is righteousness.**

God of all creation we pray this day for the reign of Jesus Christ. We pray that in the midst of chaos we might hear Jesus' word to us; that in the midst of heartache we might know Jesus' presence, and in the midst of a cacophony of voices we might proclaim:

**The Lord is righteousness. Amen.**

Let us turn to the most Holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

*Silence*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest, stands*

You belong to Christ and are heirs of the promise of freedom. In fuss assurance of justification by grace through faith by the authority of God's beloved Son, I declare to you the absolute forgiveness of all your sins. In the name of the blessed Trinity, One God. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*Officiant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

## Invitation to the Offering

Jesus sends his disciples into the world to bless all by his grace. With God's love, in the Holy Spirit, let us make this our offering to God.

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem

#### Doxology

1982 Hymnal #380 vs. 3 only

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.  
*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Officiant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Officiant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

*Officiant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### 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 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### The Invitation to Holy Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The Officiant invites the following prayer to be said by all.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

### Fraction Anthem

1982 Hymnal #S 155 ~ *Christ, our Passover*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Officiant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is God's table, and everyone is welcome here.

## Distribution of Communion

### Communion Anthem

### Post-communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Blessing

As once the spirit of God dwelled bodily in Jesus of Nazareth, so now the spirit of God dwells in us, the body of Christ. Being therefore members of one another, let us care for one another: If any of us suffer, let all suffer together; if any of us rejoice, let all rejoice together.

### Closing Hymn

#291 ~ *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

*Refrain:*

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

He only is the Maker of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;  
the wind and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. [*Refrain*]

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food:  
the gifts we have to offer are what thy love imparts,  
but chiefly thou desirest our humble, thankful hearts. [*Refrain*]

## Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Postlude

### Announcements

#### Prayer List

Kindly notify the church office of any changes to the weekly prayer list – we appreciate your help in keeping it current.

#### Thanksgiving Week

We will not gather for Bible study or Compline prayer next week - both will resume the following week. And please note: the parish office is closed Thursday and Friday (24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>), though we will monitor for urgent messages on Friday during regular business hours.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

### Participants in this Service:

The Rev. John Beach, Priest-in-Charge  
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