
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 22, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICAL PRELUDE, LIGHTING OF CANDLES - KAREN HALL, MUSICIAN

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Stand, Spoken*)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves...cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God...and bestows on them his Holy Spirit **C: Amen**

APOSTOLIC GREETING (*Spoken*)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE (*Spoken*)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above...let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world...let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house...let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

HYMN: "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" - HYMNAL #170 (*Sung*)

**Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn; Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love — Behold his hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified. No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scepter sways From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken)*

P: Almighty and everlasting God, you have crowned your Son as King and will renew your whole creation through him. **C: May the families of the earth now torn apart by sin find liberty in him and be subjected to his gentle rule; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(Sit)***

FIRST READING – EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24 SECOND READING – EPHESIANS 1:15-23 *(Lessons on insert)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL VERSE *(Stand, Sung)*

C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES – MATTHEW 25:31-46 *(Spoken)*

P: The Holy Gospel from St. Matthew, chapter 25. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE *(Sit)* Mr. Joe Crews: The Two Faces of Thanksgiving

HYMN: "WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER" - HYMNAL #346 *(Stand, Sung)*

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate And hath shed his own blood for my soul.**

**He lives — oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *(Spoken)*

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, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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

OFFERING HYMN *(Sung)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER (*Spoken*)

P: Merciful Father, **C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Spoken*)

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen**

HYMN: "SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US" - PEW INSERT (*Sung*)

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.**

**We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.**

**Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.**

**Early let us seek Thy favour, Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Saviour, With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE - KAREN HALL, MUSICIAN

We thank Mr. Joe Crews for leading us in worship today.

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First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹ “For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

²⁰ “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²² I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹ ⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”