

WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God!

Please be sure you complete the salmon sheet inside your bulletin and turn it in to the collection plate at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you with participating in worship.

All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in
bold print and preceded by "C:"

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will indicate other helpful descriptions of the service.
Please see a Greeter for Large Print bulletins and hymns.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones or putting them on "silent" during the service.



*We are committed to **invite** and **welcome** all to Jesus Christ,
to **equip** all with an active faith that works in real life,
and together go into the world to **serve** in Jesus' name.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRELUDE: Jesus, Priceless Treasure

arr. by Mark Meuser

The prelude is based on the middle hymn, "Jesus, Priceless Treasure." The tune was written by German composer Johann Crüger (1598-1662) and has been arranged by many composers for a variety of instruments. Though the tune is in a minor key, the text by Johann Franck (1618-1677) conveys joy and peace.

Please stand

INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

[Silence for reflection and self-examination]

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive 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 on 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, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN 634 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

(v. 1 all, vs. 2 women, v. 3 men, vs. 6 all)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



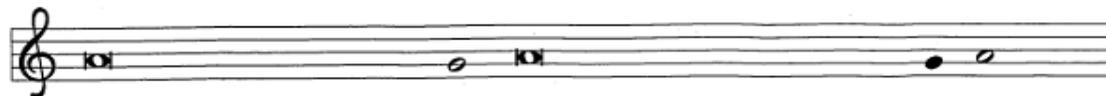
All: Lord, have mer - cy.



Pastor: For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, have mer - cy.



Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



All: Lord, have mer - cy.



Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord have mer - cy.



Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. *All:* A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

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Pastor: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



All: 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
 has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: 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."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to the 23rd chapter of Luke.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY 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. And the people stood by, watching; 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

ANTHEM:

8:15am

"Aria"

by Paul Manz, arr. Mark Meuser
Rob Cebriak, Alto Saxophone
Mark Meuser, Piano

11:00am

"Coronation"

by Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir
Rob Cebriak, Alto Saxophone

SERMON

Pastor Patti Morlock

HYMN 775 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" (vs. 1 and 3)

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: P: ...Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



Pastor: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al - so with you.



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



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

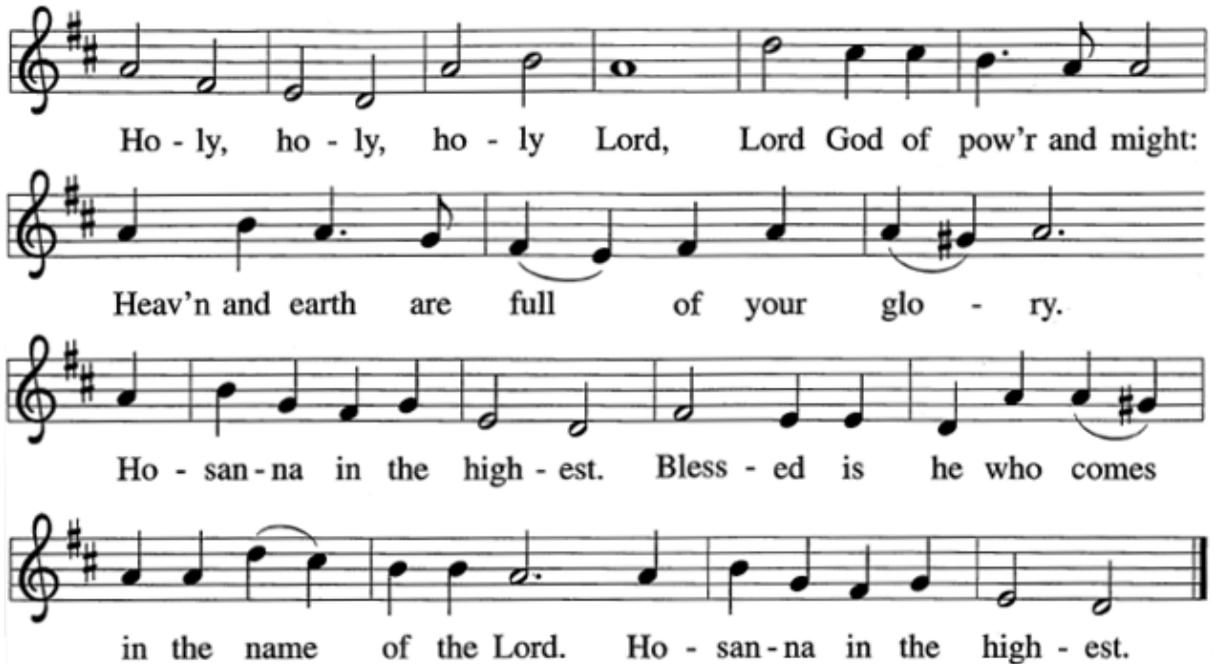


All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...

... we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

- ◆ *Persons who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and believe in his real presence in the sacrament are invited to commune.*
- ◆ *Grape juice is available in the center of the tray.*
- ◆ *Adults who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate you desire a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- ◆ *Children not yet communing may come forward with an adult to receive a blessing.*
- ◆ *If you are not able to come forward to receive communion, please let the pastor know by raising your hand as he/she scans the congregation. The pastor will come to you.*

BLESSING, PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

HYMN 855 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (vs. 1, 3, 5)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. by George Elvey

When Morning Dawns

Find the 47 **bold** words from Psalm 46:1-11 (ESV)

B R E A K S S E R T R O F U K
D L O H E B O W Z E U Q M R N
E E E A A S S R E T T A H S O
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B S L U D U J E S N R U B G E

God is our **refuge** and **strength**, a very present **help** in **trouble**. Therefore we will not **fear** though the earth gives way, though the **mountains** be moved into the **heart** of the **sea**, though its **waters roar** and **foam**, though the mountains **tremble** at its **swelling**. *Selah* There is a river whose **streams make glad** the city of God, the **holy habitation** of the Most High. God is in the **midst** of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when **morning dawns**. The **nations rage**, the **kingdoms totter**; he **utters his voice**, the earth **melts**. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah* **Come, behold the works** of the LORD, how he has brought **desolations** on the earth. He **makes wars cease** to the end of the earth; he **breaks the bow** and **shatters the spear**; he **burns the chariots with fire**. “Be **still**, and **know** that I am God. I will be **exalted** among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” The LORD of **hosts** is with us; the God of Jacob is our **fortress**. *Selah*

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Christ the King (Proper 29) - November 20, 2022

“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible... all things were created through him and for him.”

-Colossians 1:16-

The apostle Paul wrote his letter to the Colossians in approximately 60 A.D. probably while imprisoned in Rome. Apparently, the church in Colossae had adopted heresies derived from secular paganism and philosophy and merged them with their Christian beliefs. Some of the heresies included false teachings about seeking secret knowledge (see 2:3-4) and insisting upon adhering to certain religious practices and traditions (see 2:16-18, 20-23). Paul, however, writes to the Colossian church to refute those heresies by proclaiming Christ as the source, center, and sovereign king over all. He declares: “Christ is exactly like God who cannot be seen. He is the first-born Son, superior to all creation” (1:15, CEV).

In fact, Christ not only ranks above everything created, whether seen or unseen, he actually created everything. And everything he made “was made for him” (1:16, CEV). The Message beautifully paraphrases verse 16 like this: “We look at this Son and see God’s original purpose in everything created...*everything* got started in him and finds its purpose in him.”

Paul continues, stating “he is before all things, and in him all things hold together” (v. 17). In other words, as creator, Christ existed before all he created, and he personally maintains and sustains all he created. Indeed, he remains closely involved, even intimately connected to his church as “the head of the body, the church” (v. 18). Furthermore, Paul explains, “God himself was pleased to live fully in his Son. And God was pleased for him to make peace by sacrificing his blood on the cross, so that all beings in heaven and on earth would be brought back to God” (vv. 19-20, CEV).

Paul’s point: given the greatness of Christ, his supremacy above all, his identity, his involvement in creation, his leadership of the Church, his sacrifice on the cross that brings peace and reconciliation with God, why would they follow lesser authorities/teachings? How wonderful to know that we, like the Colossians, find our purpose in Christ alone. He is our true source, center, and sovereign king. So, we need never follow anything less than him. Truly, in him, we have been “brought to fullness” (see 2:10, NIV) and have everything we need.