



November 22, 2020 Christ the King

Worship Participants

Organist/Pianist: Janet Beckman

Hymn Leader: Sylvia Mills

Preaching Today: Pastor Meredith McGrath

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the [☩] Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
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.

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. **Amen.**

Hymn: *We Praise You, O God*

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day (See next page)

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

Offering

Hymn: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Prayers of the People (See next page)

Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Sending

Postlude

Elements of the Celebrate® Insert for November 22, 2020

Introduction to the day

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.

Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

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. **Your mercy is great.**

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. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages (*especially*). Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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 (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](#). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]

Announcements

Advent/Christmas Series



Our Advent / Christmas Series this year will explore how our amazing God chooses out of the way places and often overlooked people who are facing overwhelming difficulties to bring about extraordinary blessings for all creation. Don't miss this opportunity to discover the peculiar treasures God reveals in the lives of ordinary people. Our texts will show how God has consistently done this in the past. What might that mean for us today? Are you watching for God in the right places?

Poinsettia Tea Lights for Advent

Remember the poinsettia tea light project from *God's Work, Our Hands*? You can get yours at the 'drive-through' on Sunday, November 29, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. The drive-through will be in the south parking lot of the church.

Annual Meeting Part I - Date Change

The date for the Annual Meeting Part I has been changed to Sunday, December 6. Details will be provided in a mailing that will go out on Monday.