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Christ the King Sunday



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Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

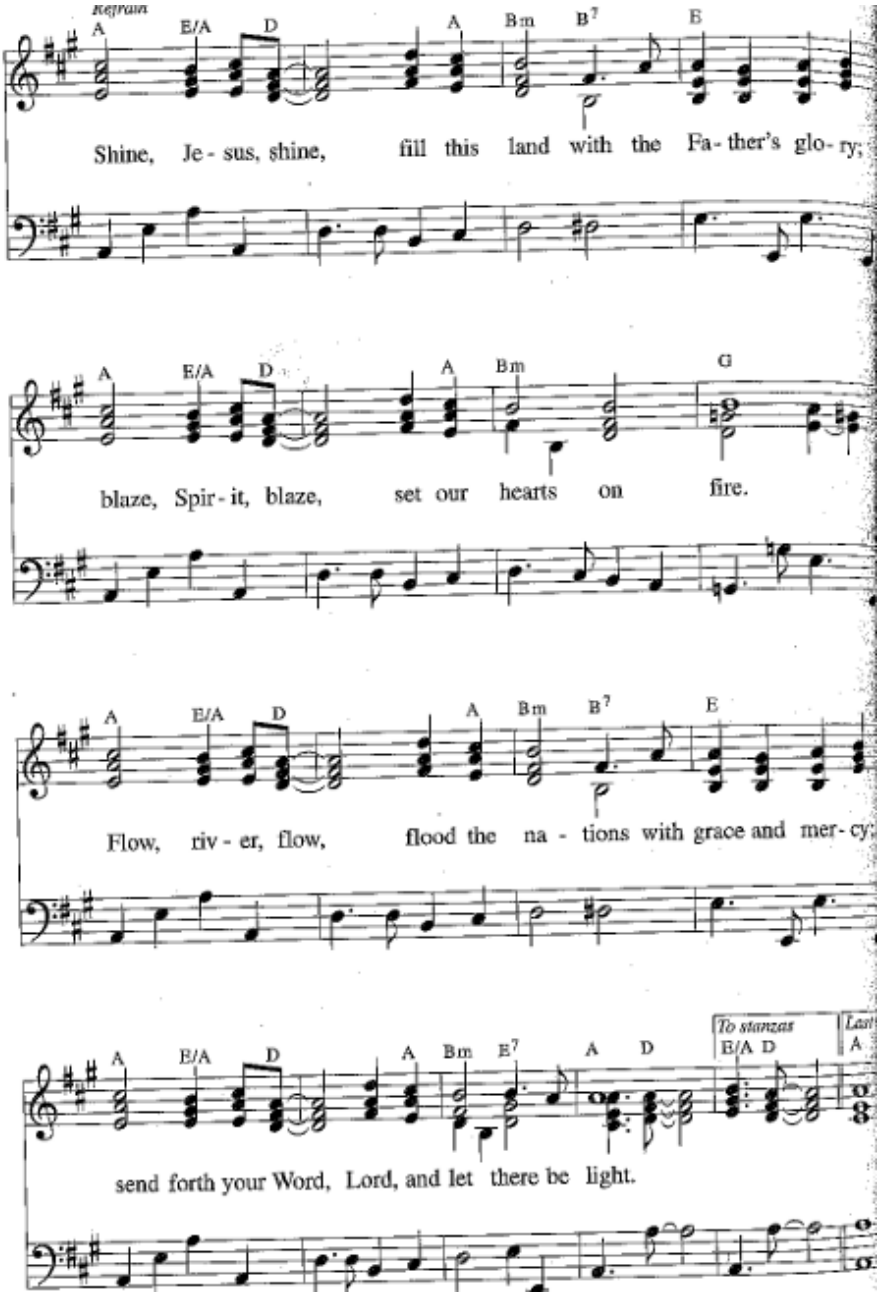
Blessed be our king, Jesus Christ, who forgives our sins and leads us away from the darkness. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
We confess that we have sinned abundantly. We turn away from you, but you still welcome us back with loving, open arms. Still, we make mistakes over and over again. Thank you for rescuing us and looking out for us. Amen!

Jesus gives us his mercy and welcomes us back. You have been forgiven and are blessed. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Shine Jesus Sing (TFF #64)



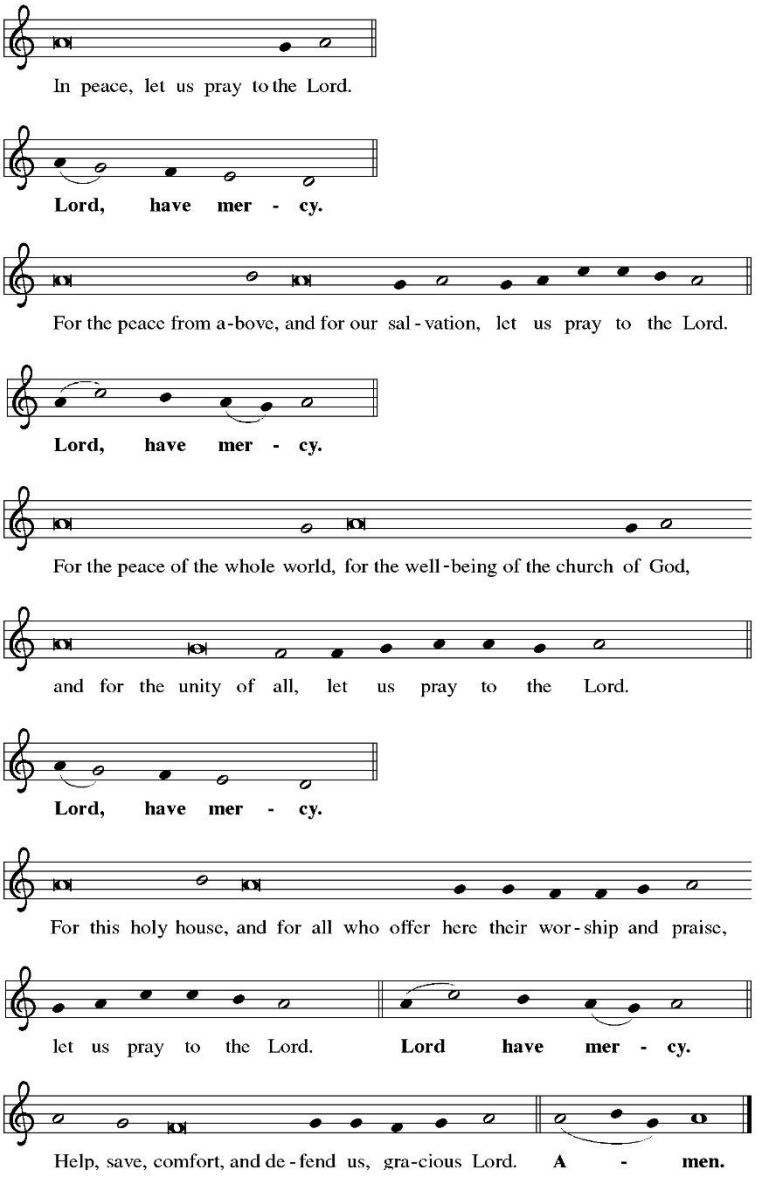


Greeting

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


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
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.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise: I Love You Lord (TFF 288)



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, **Jesus Christ, you are our king. You died and rose from the dead for and have taught us to live for others. Thank you for your grace. May you reign forever. We pray this in your holy name. Amen**

<u>First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24</u>

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort
them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered
sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which
they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring

them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 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 the Lord have spoken.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.
3 For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours.
5 The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

7a For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

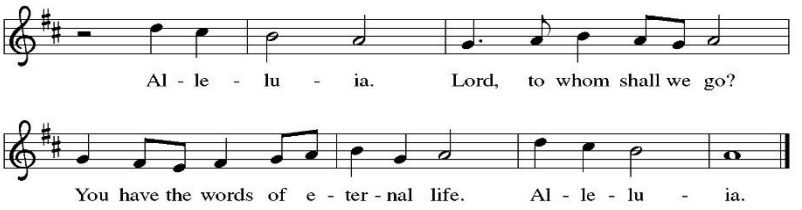
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the
saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember
you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so
that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope
to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among
the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who
believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to
work 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 age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him
the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him
who fills all in all.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

[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. 32 All the
nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from
another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the
sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those
at his right hand, '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 something to drink, I was a
stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was
sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then 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? 38 And when was it that we
saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And
when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will
answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers
and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand,
'You who are accursed, depart from me 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 nothing to drink, 43 I 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.' 44 Then 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?'
45 Then 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.' 46 And these will go away into eternal
punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O, Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Joy to the World (ELW 267)



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Gathered together to bear witness to the love and reign of Christ, we lift these our prayers before you Lord, trusting you will hear us and answer us.

(a brief silence)

We pray for all of the people in hunger and in need. Help them get the resources they need. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help everyone in the world become equal to each other. We pray for all of the people who are enslaved or being treated unfairly. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help those who are full of worry and don't feel safe. Help them see that they are loved. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help change our hearts to be better people. Do this so that we can help build others up. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless our congregation to help our community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

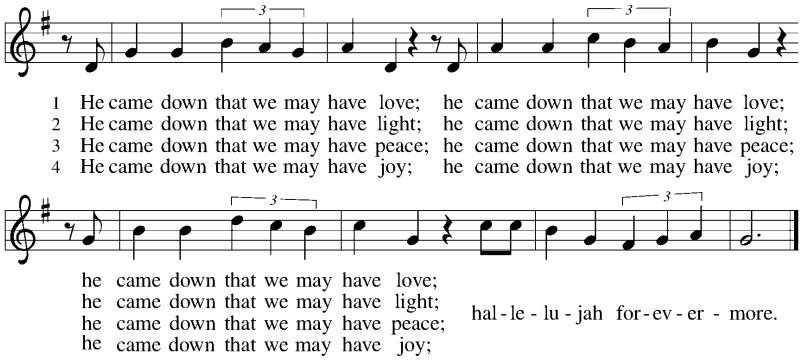
All these things and whatever else you know that we need we ask in the name of Christ our King. **Amen.**

Peace

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

Offering

Offering: He Came Down (ELW 253)



Offering Prayer

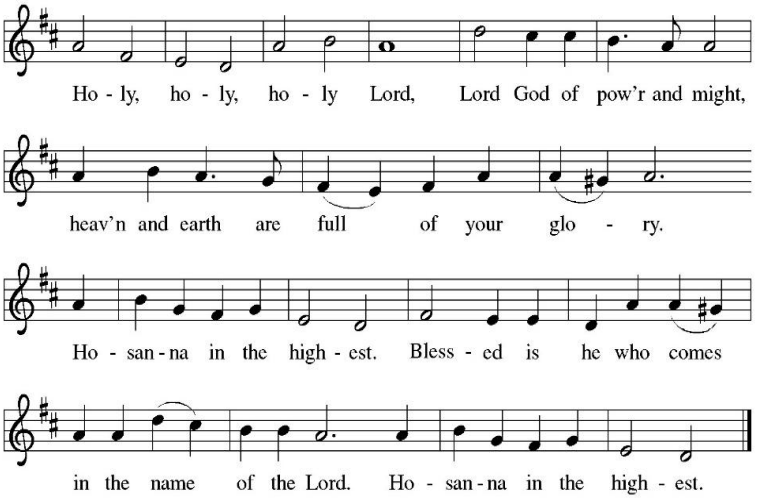
Eternal God, **we thank you for these gifts that you have given us. We hope that you receive what we offer to you and that you are pleased with our offer. Please help us use it to help others and to bless them with your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened the way of everlasting life. 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Thanksgiving at the Table

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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

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.

This is the table of Christ our King. You are welcome here.

Holy Communion

Communion Song: Open our Eyes Lord (TFF 98)



Post Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

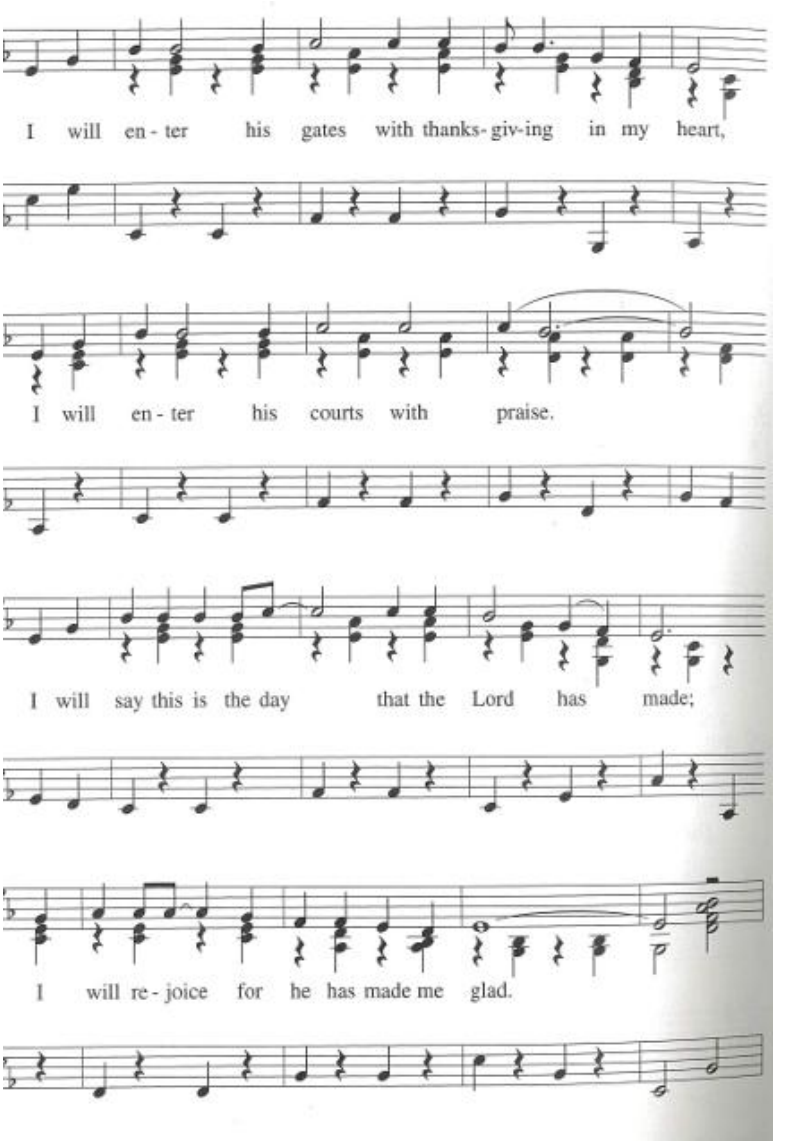
Prayer after Communion

Holy God, **we thank you for forgiving our sins in the meal we have received. We thank you for giving us this meal to help us live out our faith. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

Blessing

Dear God, bless our congregation in the week ahead of them and be with them as they go through the week. Make sure it is a week full of joy, patience, and hope knowing that you are with us. **Amen.**

Sending Song: I Will Enter His Gates (TFF 291)





Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is our King. **Thanks be to God.**

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