

November 20, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday

Hear

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... .. 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." — Jeremiah 23:1-6

Silence

Be still and be aware of God's Word to each of us...
"Elijah found that the Lord was not in the wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire, but in the...silence."
—1 Kings 19:11-13

Together We Pray

Christ our King, reign in our hearts and grant this world your peace. We rest from our busy pursuits and our ceaseless motion to seek the kingdom you will bring. In our songs of praise, in our prayers, and through timeless words of scripture, restore our souls to your peace. Reign in our hearts, that your matchless love may change this world, for it is the only power that can do so, through your grace, O Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Prayers of Thanksgiving...

Response: Lord, hear our praise!

Together We Pray

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, & the power, & the glory forever...

Scripture and Meditation

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... .."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." — Luke 23:33-43

Silence

Together We Pray

O God, we gather together to ask for your blessing. You hasten and chasten your will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. We sing praises to your name; you forget not your own. Amen.

Our prayers of Intercessions...

Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of every good gift, our time together on this day holds special meaning as we prepare to gather with friends and family on a day set aside for thanks-giving. Help us, Lord, to be ever mindful of all with which you have gifted us, and to be mindful of those who lack what we have. We gather to pray that all might prosper in your sight and in your kingdom. Imagining your kingdom can be difficult, O God – difficult to picture a world governed by your justice and righteousness alone. Our minds are held captive by the worst images of human politicians, and kings. Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom. We exalt you as king because you did not stoop to the level of those who mocked you, even as you suffered on a cross. When they taunted and tempted you to fight back, you overcame their hate with love. Forgive the times when we succumb to our baser human instincts. Teach us to answer words and acts of hate with greater expressions of love. Forgive us and free us from our fears, dear Christ, until your grace reigns in our hearts and throughout the world. Free our imaginations, that we may envision your greater good and celebrate the coming of your kingdom on earth as in heaven. Together we pray to you in Christ's holy name. Amen.

Communion With the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you. Response: And also with you.
We lift up our hearts. Response: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God of the saints, creator of heaven and earth. From the ancient dreams of prophets to the journeys of Jesus, through the law and the prophets, through saints and sinners, you have taught us to be your people. In love and mercy, you speak truth and blessing, constantly renewing your covenant with us. And so with your people on earth and all the company of saints in heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Response: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ to reveal your powerful love in the world, to show us the path of saintly and holy living. In humility and love, with justice and power, Christ revealed your kingdom, and calls us to kingdom living, even now. We, who are both saint and sinner, blessed and cursed, come to you in our joys and in our sorrows, with thanksgiving and hope, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples.

Response: Lord make us instruments of your peace, hearts of your compassion, hands of your mercy.

And so we gather at the table of Holy Communion this day, remembering the Gospel invitation from Christ:

“Take, eat; this is my body...” “...Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood...” And so, in remembrance of these your life-giving acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as saints and sinners who love you, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Response: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice of the fruit of the vine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ, comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet with the saints of your church. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God...

Sending Forth

Go into the world in peace, declaring Christ the King of all creation. Go into the world with courage, praising that he guides our feet in the way of peace. May today's worship prepare us for tomorrow's work, for our worship service is ended, but our service to God begins anew. May God guide your feet, strengthen your hands, and sustain your loving hearts in the days to come...

Passing of the Peace of Christ

We Offer: May Jesus' peace be with you.

We Respond: May Jesus' peace be with you also.

—Our Worship In The Morning—
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Our Mission is to live our experience of God's love
in all that we say and do...

Our Vision is to be a growing spiritual faith community in the
manner of Christ, where all are welcome and cared for...