

# Christ the King: November 22, 2020

## Gathering

Handbell Prelude: "Worship and Praise"

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Opening Hymn: "Oh, Worship the King"

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| <p>1 Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.<br/>Oh, gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;<br/>our shield and defender, the Ancient of<br/>Days,<br/>pavilioned in splendor, and girded with<br/>praise.</p> <p>2 Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,<br/>whose robe is the light, whose canopy<br/>space;<br/>his chariots of wrath the deep thunder-<br/>clouds form,<br/>and dark is his path on the wings of the<br/>storm.</p> | <p>3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,<br/>Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;<br/>established it fast by a changeless decree,<br/>and round it has cast, like a mantle, the<br/>sea.</p> <p>4 Your bountiful care what tongue can re-<br/>cite?<br/>It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,<br/>it streams from the hills, it descends to the<br/>plain,<br/>and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.</p> |
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## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One,

C: **we confess that we are not awake for you.  
We are not faithful in using your gifts.  
We forget the least of our siblings.  
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.  
We are infected by sin  
that divides your beloved community.  
Open our hearts to your coming,  
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C: **Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

## The Word

### Blessing of the Lector

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you rule over the whole universe. Bless John, who will read to us the scriptures, so that you might also reign in our hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

<sup>11</sup> Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek 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. <sup>13</sup> 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 watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. <sup>16</sup> 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, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

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

<sup>23</sup> I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I pray 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, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> 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, <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

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

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>31</sup> "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. <sup>32</sup> 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, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king

will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> 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, <sup>36</sup> 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.' <sup>37</sup> 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? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> 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.' <sup>44</sup> 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?' <sup>45</sup> 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.' <sup>46</sup> 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

*Silence for reflection and meditation*

## Hymn of the Day: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

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| <p>1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!<br/>Let angels prostrate fall;<br/>bring forth the royal diadem<br/>and crown him Lord of all.<br/>Bring forth the royal diadem<br/>and crown him Lord of all.</p> <p>2 Crown him, you martyrs of our God,<br/>who from his altar call;<br/>extol the stem of Jesse's rod<br/>and crown him Lord of all.<br/>Extol the stem of Jesse's rod<br/>and crown him Lord of all.</p> | <p>3 O seed of Israel's chosen race<br/>now ransomed from the fall,<br/>hail him who saves you by his grace<br/>and crown him Lord of all.<br/>Hail him who saves you by his grace<br/>and crown him Lord of all.</p> <p>4 Hail him, you heirs of David's line,<br/>whom David Lord did call--<br/>the God Incarnate, man divine--<br/>and crown him Lord of all.<br/>The God Incarnate, man divine--<br/>and crown him Lord of all.</p> |
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## The 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.**

## The Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition:*

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## Stewardship Appeal Celebration

Appeal Update—Carole Replogle, Stewardship Chair

Special Music: “Simple Living”                      Getty & Getty, and Stuart Townend

## Offering Prayer

*Please stand as you are able.*

A: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**C: Amen.**

## The Meal

### The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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.

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Invitation to Communion

P: Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The Body of Christ, broken for you.

The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

*All eat bread and drink wine or juice at their seat.*

## Communion Song: "I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"

1 I come, O Savior, to your table,  
for weak and weary is my soul;  
you, Bread of life, alone are able  
to satisfy and make me whole.

3 With you, Lord, I am now united;  
you live in me and I in you.  
No sorrow fills my soul; delighted  
it finds its deepest joy in you. *Refrain*

### *Refrain*

Lord, may your body and your blood  
be for my soul the highest good!

2 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior;  
your blood, which once for me was shed:  
these are my life and strength forever,  
by them my hungry soul is fed. *Refrain*

4 My heart has now become your dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, your praises telling,  
shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

## Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

A: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C: **Amen.**

## Sending

### Blessing of Operation Christmas Child Boxes

L: God of all nations, you open your hand in blessing and satisfy the needs of all. Bless these Operation Christmas Child boxes. Ensure that each box is sent to the child who needs its gifts. Send your Holy Spirit into this ministry that children around the world and their families may know Jesus Christ, the King. In his name we pray,

C: **Amen.**



## Blessing

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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| <p>1 Crown him with many crowns,<br/>the Lamb upon his throne;<br/>hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns<br/>all music but its own.<br/>Awake, my soul, and sing<br/>of him who died for thee,<br/>and hail him as thy matchless king<br/>through all eternity.</p> <p>2 Crown him the virgin's Son,<br/>the God incarnate born,<br/>whose arm those crimson trophies won<br/>which now his brow adorn;<br/>fruit of the mystic rose,<br/>yet of that rose the stem,<br/>the root whence mercy ever flows,<br/>the babe of Bethlehem.</p> | <p>3 Crown him the Lord of love--<br/>behold his hands and side,<br/>rich wounds, yet visible above,<br/>in beauty glorified.<br/>No angels in the sky<br/>can fully bear that sight,<br/>but downward bend their burning eyes<br/>at mysteries so bright.</p> <p>4 Crown him the Lord of life,<br/>who triumphed o'er the grave<br/>and rose victorious in the strife<br/>for those he came to save.<br/>His glories now we sing,<br/>who died and rose on high,<br/>who died, eternal life to bring,<br/>and lives that death may die.</p> |
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## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Handbell Postlude: “Fanfare of Praise”

Louise Frier

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## Worship Leaders

The Rev. Emily Beckering, Pastor

Kris Keith, Music Director

Kate Wollenburg, Organist

Donald Harris, Assisting Minister

John Cathcart, Reader

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## Our Life Together

**For emergency pastoral care**, please call the after-hours line at 513-760-5884.

**If you have requests for the Prayer Chain**, call Penny Huber, 513-931-6420. To remove people from the list, contact the office.

We pray for **Mary and her granddaughter Kyra** (friend of Paul Pieper); **Berkeley** (Carol Curless's great-grandson); **Pr. Lisa Bernheisel**; **Louise Barry**; **Teresa Bell** (former member); **Stephen Black** (Kim Coulehan's nephew); **Bobby** (Christian Lohmeier's friend); **Nancy Bose** (Kathy Hirt's friend); **Brett** (Kings' step-nephew); **Jodie Calhoun**; **Christian**; **Frances Clemons** (Portmanns' friend); **Kathy Curless**; **Katie Demopoulos** (Diana Hawkins's niece); **Dick** (Linda Miller's brother); **Jeremy Doan** (Jean Winkle's grandson); **Jerry Doan** (Jean Winkle's son-in-law); **Eckerle and Wuestefeld families**; **Lee Erbeck**; **Larry Faulkner** (Freda's son); **Justin Feldman** (Bess Sturgill's father); **Ben Ferguson** (Les Eckerle's cousin); **Micki Ford** (Fords' niece); **Jeanne Fuller**; **Scarlett Gally** (Beth Wernery's great-niece); **Clara Garcia** (Cindy Mayhugh's sister); **George and Sherry** (Shirley Harbaugh's cousins); **Nathaniel Gibson** (Les Eckerle's step-nephew); **Hannah**; **Matthew Harrison** (Seals' neighbor); **Sandy Hatcher** (Linda Holt's sister); **Elain Heskamp**; **Richard Hoffman** (Cindy Mayhugh's brother); **Andrew Horton**; **Mary Ann Hudecki** (Linda Miller's sister), **Ellen Hunter** (Jeni Cathcart's grandmother); **Jo and her daughter** (Jeanne Fuller's friends); **Joan** (Penny Huber's friend); **Kate** (granddaughter of Dennis King's friend); **Dennis King**; **Jay King** (son of Jamie King); **Loretta Kombrink** (Marilyn Portmann's aunt); **Lewis Laine** (Chet Laine's brother); **Richard Lane** (Elinor Schieman's nephew); **Nelson Langefeld**; **Yvonne Lowery** (St. Paul Players); **Carroll Mayhugh Sr.** (Carroll Mayhugh's father); **Samantha Mersch** (Mayhughs' daughter, Sarah Papin's sister); **Jessica Mink** (Donald Harris's cousin); **Doris Minton**; **Barbara Moorhouse**; **Jean Nolte**; **Ervin Oerther** (Portmanns' brother-in-law); **Ann Ohr** (Barbara Moorhouse's cousin); **Richard Osborn** (Betty Pack's brother); **Rosie Osborn** (Betty Pack's sister); **Eric Papin**; **Christian & Suzie Pereira** (Carolyn Koehl's granddaughter & grandson-in-law); **Richard Peterson** (Shirley Harbaugh's brothers); **Don Pflieger** (Kings' brother-in-law); **Ginny Pape**; **Linda Perin** (Moorhouses' cousin); **Paul Pieper**; **Faith Pirmann**; **Pat Popplewell** (Dennis King's friend); **James Savoy** (Jean Winkle's great-grandson); **Shawn Schnetzer** (Sturgills' cousin); **Sheila Schultz** (Betty Pack's friend); **Brenda Schumacher** (Marilyn Portmann's friend); **Shannon and Dane** (friends of Riddle family); **Kate Sheridan** (Kings' family friend); **Keith Shupe** (father of Kelly Shupe); **Jason Simpson** (Freda Faulkner's grand-nephew); **Patricia Smith** (Teresa Bell's mother); **Scott Songer**; **Judy Songer** (friends of Jean Winkle); **Crosley Spelman** (Spelmans' grandson); **Frank Sturgill** (Jim's dad);

**Britney Jean Teems** (Jean Winkle's granddaughter); **Teresa** (friend of Marty Lohmeier); **Randy Thaman** (friend of Marie Calhoun); **Michael Theiss** (Cindy Mayhugh's cousin); **Geri Toland** (Carole Replogle's neighbor); **Treasure** (Les Eckerle's cousin); **Ralph Turner** (friend of Dennis King); **Tereasa Vogel** (Freda Faulkner's friend); **Jack Wagner; Jeanne Wagner; Daryl Wesselman** (Betty Pack's granddaughter); **Jean Winkle; Susan Winkle** (Jean Winkle's daughter-in-law).

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns who are unable to come to church every week: **Louise Barry, Barbara Moorhouse, Jean Nolte, Heather Segar.**

At the death of: **Jack Moorhouse**

We pray for our armed forces members: **Graham Barton** (Fords' neighbor); **Paul Cordes** (Elinor Schieman's grandson); **Victoria Derry** (Elinor Schieman's great-granddaughter); **Jared Forst** (Jim and Loretta's grandson); **Beau Glenn** (Karen Koehl's son-in-law); **Kylie Hahn** (Gretta Hahn's granddaughter); **Donald Hosea** (Karen Koehl's son); **Samuel McLoughlin** (friend of Cindy Sieckman); **Scott Minton** (Doris Minton's son); **Jobeth Ramirez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Joshua Rodriguez** (friend of Karen Koehl); **Trent Schwegman** (cousin to the Erbecks and Fords); **Dustin Silvey; Mack Thompson** (Freda Faulkner's grandson); **Alex Wisecup** (son of Nadine and Barry Wisecup).

## Upcoming Events

### **Sunday, November 22: Christ the King**

10:30 am Worship (in-person and  
livestreamed)

4 pm Zoom Fellowship Hour

### **Monday, November 23**

*\*\*Epistle Articles Due\*\**

### **Tuesday, November 24**

4 pm Bible Study on Zoom

7 pm Reading Community Thanksgiving Service (drive-in service at Reading Schools)

### **Wednesday, November 25**

6:30 pm Bell Choir

### **Thursday, November 26**

*Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed*

### **Sunday, November 29: 1st Sunday of Advent**

10:30 am Worship (in-person and  
livestreamed)

4 pm Virtual Sunday School

### **Tuesday, December 1**

4 pm Bible Study on Zoom

### **Wednesday, December 2**

6:30 pm Bell Choir