

# Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "The King shall come"

Hymn #73, verses 1, 2, 5

**1. The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks;  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.**

**2. Not, as of old, a little child,  
To bear, and fight, and die,  
But crowned in glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.**

**5. The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings;  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,  
Come quickly, King of Kings!**

Opening Verse, Confession & Absolution

*Officiant* Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, that God may come and rain righteousness upon us. Amen.  
(Hosea 10:12)

Let us examine our lives in the presence of God, humbly confessing our sins and opening our hearts. I invite you to bow your head, or take some other posture of humility before God.

*A brief silence for reflection follows.*

*Officiant* God the Creator and Source, Ruler of creation,

*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* God the Incarnate Word, through whom all things were made,

*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* God the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth,

*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, creating and saving God,

*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Priest*

God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to abundance of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1. **Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**
2. **O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

### The Collects of the Day

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray. Most High God, majestic and mighty, our beginning and our end: Rule in our hearts and guide us to be faithful in our daily lives, worshipping Jesus Christ who will come again as Savior and King, and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.

Loving God, you open your hand and scatter blessings upon all your children. Give us grateful hearts in times of plenty, and faithful hearts in times of want. Stir us with your Spirit, in this and every season of our lives, to use whatever you place in our hands to add to the world's measure of hope, wholeness, and delight. We pray all this in the name of Christ, the Giver and the Gift. Amen.

### The First Reading: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

*Reader* A reading from the second book of the prophet Samuel.

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God,  
is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,  
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;  
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

To touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Song of Faith: Psalm 93 (ICEL Version)

Lord, you reign with glory,

**draped in splendor, girt with power.**

The world stands firm, not to be shaken,

**For your throne, ageless God, has stood from of old.**

Onward roll the waves, O God,

**Onward like thunder, onward like fury.**

Thundering high above the waters,

**High above the ocean breakers, you, God, rise with might.**

Your decrees stand unshaken;

**The beauty of holiness fills your house forever, Lord.**

The Gospel Reading: John 18:33-38a

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel of John.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

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*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: "Weary of all trumpeting"

Hymn #572, verses 1 & 3

**Weary of all trumpeting, weary of all killing,**

**Weary of all songs that sing promise, non-fulfilling,**

**We would raise, O Christ, one song; we would join in singing**

**That great music, pure and strong, wherewith heaven is ringing.**

**To the triumph of your cross summon all the living;**

**Summon us to love by loss, gaining all by giving,**

**Suffering all, that we may see triumph in surrender;**

**Leaving all, that we may be partners in your splendor.**

Sermon

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray, using the prayer Jesus taught us. You may unmute yourself if you choose, and you may pray using any version of this prayer that is in your heart.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to to [prayers@stdunstans.com](mailto:prayers@stdunstans.com).

- Officiant* Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.
- Officiant* Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for all those in authority.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for all nations and peoples.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for our local communities.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: .... You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.  
*The people may offer additional names.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.  
*The people may offer additional names.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Priest* Eternal God, creator and ruler of heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Sharing of Blessings

### Passing of the Peace

*Celebrant* You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. The peace of the Lord be always with you!

*People* **And also with you!**

## Announcements

### The Blessing & Dismissal

*Celebrant* Holy God, your mercy is over all your works,  
and in the web of life each creature has its role and place.  
We praise you for ocelot and owl, cactus and kelp, tide and topsoil.  
Give us humility to recognize all creatures as your beloved ones,  
And share the bounty of creation with all our neighbors.  
And may the blessing of the Holy and Undivided Trinity be upon us, now and always.

**Amen.**

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**