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The Reign of Christ

Prelude

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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(Congregation speaks words in bold print)

Announcements

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

Holy One, 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.

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.

Amen.

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.

KYRIE



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	<i>Lord, have mer - cy.</i>	<i>Lord, have mer - cy.</i>
2	<i>Christ, have mer - cy.</i>	<i>Christ, have mer - cy.</i>



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

Word

Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

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.

Reader/ A reading from Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 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. 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. 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. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 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.

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

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 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.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Jessica Lennick, soprano

Rise and Shine

Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 31-46

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.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “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. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 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; 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, 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.’ 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 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.’ 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; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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.’ 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?’ 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.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Tancredi

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our
 2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -
 3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver
 4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -

king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose
 give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that
 all, you said the first must be the last and
 nown; you died for us up - on a cross with

praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to
 we might rise and live. To break the law of
 ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,
 thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the

glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you
 death you came, the law of love to bring: a
 church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for
 span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for

walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
 dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
 still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
 now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

THE PRAYERS

(Each portion of the prayers concludes with the following:)

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry which has allowed us to continue giving to organizations like Caring for Friends and Bear Creek Camp. Checks can be mailed to the church office, or you can give online at www.stpaulsardmore.com/giving.



Meal

(If you are joining us live at home, join in communion with your own bread/cracker and wine/grape juice. Place them out now and consume them at the time of distribution. If you are gathered with others, offer the elements to each other with the words “The body of Christ, given for you” and “the blood of Christ, shed for you.” If you are physically alone, say the words to yourself as you consume the elements).

DIALOG

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...*(Here the celebrant continues with the preface for the season, concluding)*...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 LORD

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The first system of the musical score features a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody in the treble staff consists of a series of chords and single notes, with a final note held over. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff has a final note held over, and the bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

The third system introduces a new line of the melody. The treble staff has a final note held over, and the bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a final note held over, and the bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The fifth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a final note held over, and the bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The sixth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a final note held over, and the bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(The celebrant continues...)

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

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.

Communion

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Sending

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Epilogue

Herbert Howells

Saint Paul's Weekly Calendar

TODAY- Sunday Worship, 10:00 am

- 11/23 NA Meeting-Fellowship Hall, 8:00 pm
- 11/25 Virtual Thanksgiving Eve Service- Live streamed, 7:00 pm
- 11/29 Holy Communion- Advent 1, 10:00 am

KenCrest Christmas Ingathering of Gifts

This year things will look a little different. In light of CDC recommendations around the coronavirus pandemic, it is not safe to be purchasing and exchanging goods.

However now more than ever families need assistance and a little bit of joy, **so this year we are asking for donations in one of two ways.**

1. Gift cards (Visa, Amazon, Target, Walmart or any major local grocery chain) for our families gift today and to help families have a happy holiday.

No need to wrap them.

2. Cash donations that facilitate the purchase of gift cards for the families. If you would like to contribute a monetary donation, send a check payable to KenCrest to the church office, or drop it off.

The goal is to be able to give \$25 to each of KenCrest children's families.

The deadline is Thursday, December 10.

Gifts can be dropped off or mailed to the church office

Office hours for Thanksgiving Week

Mon. 11/23 8 am- 4 pm

Tues. 11/24 8 am – 4 pm

Wed. 11/25-Fri. 11/27 closed

Virtual Thanksgiving Eve service

Wednesday, November 25

7:00 pm

Join us for this virtual service via Facebook or YouTube.

Thrivent Caring for Friends 100 Dinner Challenge

Join our Thrivent Action Team to cook 100 meals for Caring for Friends. Share a recipe and share the meal to meet the 100-meal challenge. Each week we will feature one recipe in the announcements and the challenge meal count. Contact Joy Baxter (joybaxter@gmail.com or 610-789-2408) or Jody Betz (alfabetz@msn.com) to get the Thrivent Card to purchase food.

Share the recipe, pix, and number of meals with Jody Betz and Lisa Lexa. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our local homebound.

Meal Update: 53

This week's recipe: California Pot Roast

Submitted by Beth McElvenney

Please include St. Paul's freezer number on meals: MS 404

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. Isaiah 58:10

The article deadline for the December Chimes is Friday, November 27.

Advent Devotional

A weekly Advent devotional from Illustrated Ministry will be available soon. Contact the office if you would like a copy.

You can pick one up at the church office the week of November 30th or we can send you the link to the digital version.

Evening Christian Fellowship

Advent series

We will be looking at the lessons for the week and discussing Advent and Hope.

Dates: Nov 18, Dec 2, 9 and 16 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

For more info or the zoom link, contact Beth McElvenney

(bethmcelvenney@gmail.com), 610-853-2444

or Waneta Peart (wanpeart@verizon.net)

Caring for Friends

Missing the large family gathering around the table for turkey this year? Instead of sharing your holiday dinner with family, share it with your homebound neighbors. Grab a huge turkey, make big batches of sides, and pack up the leftovers for the CFF freezer. Five tray packs are in the narthex and additional supplies in the shed. Thanks for your kindness and compassion.

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, Shane Boston, Army, (son of Kim Boston); Michael Burns, Army Reserves (son of Linda and Bob Burns); Laura Dormans (daughter of Nan Dormans) and Sean Hopkins (son of Terry Hopkins).

Prayers are also requested for: Miranda Bagnet (friend of Beth McElvenney); Tina Brady (friend of Dottie Buchanan); JT Burns (cousin of Bob Burns); Charlotte Conybear; Liza Smiles DeBlis (friend of Claudia Muller); Larry Dieter (son of Larry & Barb Dieter); Theresa Dry (sister of Dan Dry); Steve Eng (father of Anita Eng); Jo Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Colin Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Jackson Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Patty Hersh (sister of Susan Cavanaugh); Dan Joseph, Tom Keyser, Beth Kramer (niece of Barbara Dieter); Tony & Lucille Lopez-Linus (cousins on Belle Miller); Kathleen & Dominick Martini (friends of Laurie DeWarf); Lisa McCabe, Sister Mercedes (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Joan Miller (mother of David Miller); Jay Mulqueen (father of Missy Perry); Kim O'Rourke (friend of Missy Perry); Irma Payan, Gloria Peterson (mother of Kris Peterson); Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Linda Razzano (cousin of Hazel Pelletreau); Claire Robinson; Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Skylar Seeley (friend of Spencer Schumacher); Jack Walburn (father of Megan Ruehr); Lily Walker (friend of Sarah Krissing); Stefanie Zissel (cousin of Claudia Muller); Judi Zucker, Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Jessica (friend of Liz Cassidy); and Fin Parker.



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