

**11-22-2020 - Worship Guide - Pentecost 25**  
**(The Reign of Christ, last Sunday of the Season of Pentecost)**

**Welcome**

**Hymn of Praise: #855 Crown Him With Many Crowns (v. 1, 2, & 4)**

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.
  
- 2 Crown him the virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic rose,  
yet of that rose the stem,  
the root whence mercy ever flows,  
the babe of Bethlehem.
  
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

## **Prayer of the Day**

**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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

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

**11** Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. **12** 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. **13** 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. **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 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.

**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.

***Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... Thanks be to God***

## **Childrens' Time**

### **Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 (Inclusive Version)**

[In response to the disciples' question "What will be the sign of your Coming and the end of the age?", Jesus replied to the disciples:]

31 "At the appointed time the Promised One will come in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, and will sit upon the royal throne, 32 with all the nations assembled below. Then the Promised One will separate them from one another, as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. 33 The sheep will be placed on the right hand, the goats on the left.

34 "The ruler will say to those on the right, 'Come, you blessed of my Abba God! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world! 35 For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; 36 naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 Then these just will ask, 'When did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? 38 When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in, or clothe you in your nakedness? 39 When did we see you ill or in prison and come to visit you?' 40 The ruler will answer them, 'The truth is, every time you did this for the least of my sisters or brothers, you did it for me.'

41 "Then the ruler will say to those on the left, 'Out of my sight, you accursed ones! Into that everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and the fallen angels! 42 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 gave me no welcome; naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to visit me.' 44 Then they in turn will ask, 'When did we see you hungry or thirsty, or homeless or naked, or ill or in prison, and not take care of you?' 45 The answer will come, 'The truth is, as often as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.' 46 They will go off to eternal punishment, and the just will go off to eternal life."

*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... Thanks be to God*

## **Message**

## Hymn: #880 O God Beyond All Praising

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
  
- 2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;  
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—  
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final victory.
  
- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

## Apostles' Creed\*

**I believe in God, eternal, almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
lived and loved among us,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
who descended into hell,  
and on the third day rose from the dead;  
Jesus, Our Savior, ascended into heaven,  
sits at the right hand of the loving God,  
and 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 dead,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Offering**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages (*especially*). Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*For what or whom else do the people pray?*

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **Confession with Holy Communion**

God be with you .	<b>And also with you.</b>
Lift up your hearts.	<b>We lift them up to God.</b>
We give thanks to God.	<b>Thank You God for Your grace.</b>

Faithful God,  
have mercy on us.  
We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.  
We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.  
We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.  
We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

### **Words of Institution**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.  
Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
In this meal - that Christ Jesus is the host -  
Your sins are being forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.  
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

## **Christ's Prayer\***

*We pray together in the Spirit that Jesus taught:*

**Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Invitation/Instruction**

**Lamb of God / p 174, setting 6**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

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.

**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

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,

Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,

be with you today and always.

**Amen.**

**Hymn: #838 Beautiful Savior (v. 1 & 4)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

**Dismissal**

Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve our Savior.  
Thanks be to God.