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The Reign of Christ

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Prelude "My Shepard"

The Greeting

Presider

May the strength of God, the compassion of Christ and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

The Kyrie

Presider

O God, our maker and redeemer, when we forget that this is your world and we are your people: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we have willfully misused your gifts of creation, forgetting that we are the stewards of your bounty: **Christ, have mercy.**

When we have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we have condoned evil and dishonesty and have failed to strive for justice: **Christ, have mercy.**

When we have heard the good news of Christ,

but have failed to share it with others: **Lord,** have mercy.

When we have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves: **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

"O Worship the King"

Common Praise #380

O worship the King, all glorious above; O gratefully sing his power and his love; our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space; his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,

and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love, while angels delight to hymn thee above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

The Collect of the Day

Presider

Destitute king, one with the hungry, the naked, and the scorned: may our faith be proved not in dogma and piety but in serving you in the last and the least; through Jesus Christ, the stranger's Lord. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

Before the Reading the Reader says, A reading from Ezekiel.

For 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.

After the Reading the Reader says, Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 100

Psalmist

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

Be joyful in the Lord, * all you lands;

serve the Lord with gladness and come into the divine presence with a

song.

Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God; *
the One who made us and to whom we
belong; we are God's people, the sheep of
God's pasture.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving; go into these courts with praise; *

give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting; *

and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23

Before the Reading the Reader says, A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 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, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 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, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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The Gospel Alleluia

Deacon

Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is the reign of our God that is coming. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46

Before the Gospel the Deacon says, The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

[Jesus said,] "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."

After the Gospel the Deacon says, The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev'd Carole Neilson

After the Sermon we have a period for silent reflection.

The Apostles' Creed

Deacon
I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 THE COMMUNITY

Intercessions, Petitions and Thanksgivings

Sovereign of the universe, you have made Christ head over all things for the Church: May we live worthily as your body in our world as you work your great power in and through us. We give you thanks, gracious and compassionate One; and call upon your name.

Through Christ you gather all the nations of the world to yourself: Bless all those who suffer with your everlasting mercy and feed the oppressed with your justice. We give you thanks, gracious and compassionate One; **and call upon your name.**

From your hand all are fed: Inspire righteousness in all of us, so that the hungry may be fed and the thirsty quenched with clean and life-giving water. We give you thanks, gracious and compassionate One; and call upon your name.

You hear the cries of those in prison: Give us hearts to care for the incarcerated and to work for peace in our communities. We give you thanks, gracious and compassionate One; and call upon your name.

You alone are good and holy: In and through us

seek the lost, bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. We give you thanks, gracious and compassionate One; and call upon your name.

Your faithfulness endures from age to age: May all your saints, at work and at rest, know the hope to which you have called us and the riches of your glorious inheritance. We give you thanks, gracious and compassionate One; and call upon your name.

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. We ask this in his name and for his sake. **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Hymn

"When I Needed a Neighbour" Songs for a Gospel People #131

When I needed a neighbour, were you there? When I needed a neighbour, when I needed a neighbour, were you there?

Refrain And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,

and the name won't matter, were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there? I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

Refrain

I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there? I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

Refrain

When I needed a healer, were you there?

When I needed a healer, were you there?

Refrain

Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there. Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, I'll be there.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Let us pray.

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Thanksgiving at the Table

Presider
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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and compassionate God, Creator of all things, seen and unseen: endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the

promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of Jesus the Christ, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to the giving of his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes, saying:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, so that who share in Christ's body and blood may live to praise your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, Sovereign of the universe, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider
As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.
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 Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion of the People

If you are not receiving Communion in-person, then offer this prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, I offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I pray you come into my heart, my soul and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. May I serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. **Amen.**

Music during Communion:

"Old 100th"
"Bread of Heaven in Mercy Broken"

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

Creator of all, you have made us a royal priesthood in the reign of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, so that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology

Presider Glory to God,

whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing of the Community

Presider

May the power of God sustain you. May the wisdom of the Word enlighten you. May the mercy of the Holy Spirit unite you.

And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Common Praise #378

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne: hark, how the heavenly 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.

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.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall no end; and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

"Wie Schön Leuchtet"

by P. Nicolai & J. S. Bach