

Christ the King

Sunday, November 22, 2020

THE COMMON SERVICE

HYMN #217 “The Head that Once Was Crowned”

The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns The mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heav'n affords Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords And heav'n's eternal light.

The joy of all who dwell above, The joy of all below
To whom he manifests his love And grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;
Their name, an everlasting name; Their joy, the joy of heav'n.

They suffer with their Lord below; They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy, to know The myst'ry of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health, Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

- C:** Lord, have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

- C:** Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M:** The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
M: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16,23,24: ““For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.””

M: The Word of the Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY - Psalm 47

Refrain: Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

Clap your hands, all you nations;* shout to God with cries of joy.
How awesome is the Lord Most High,* the great King over all the earth!
God reigns over the nations;* God is seated on his holy throne.

Refrain: Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,* the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;* sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth;* sing to him a psalm of praise.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain: Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:20-28: Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who

belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

M: The Word of the Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia.

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 27:27-31: Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

NICENE CREED

C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY #428 “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”

Why should cross and trial grieve me?
Christ is near With his cheer; Never will he leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
That God's Son For me won When his life was given?

When life's troubles rise to meet me,
Though their weight May be great, They will not defeat me.
God, my loving Savior, sees them;
He who knows All my woes Knows how best to end them.

God gives me my days of gladness,
And I will Trust him still When he sends me sadness.
God is good; his love attends me
Day by day, Come what may, Guides me and defends me.

Since I know God never fails me,
In his voice I'll rejoice When grim death assails me.
Trusting in my Savior's merit,
Safe at last, Troubles past, I shall heav'n inherit.

SERMON - Romans 10:5–13

STAND

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen. (Please remain standing)

OFFERING

(We will not pass a plate but one will be available on the table as you leave church.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

C: **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Because receiving the Lord's Supper together is an expression of unity of faith this side of heaven, it is proper that those of the same confession commune together. Since church membership is an individual's expression of confession, it is proper that members of congregations in fellowship with each other commune together. Therefore we invite those of sister WELS/ELS congregations to join us for communion today. On the same basis we cordially ask that those of other fellowships refrain.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #315 "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, And all my weariness upon you lean.

This is the hour of banquet and of song; Here is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong The brief bright hour of fellowship with you.

I have no help but yours nor do I need Another arm but yours to lean upon.
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed; My strength is in your might, your might alone.

Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness; Mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.

Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear. The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove, but you are here, Nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

STAND

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

C: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN #26 “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”

Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring, Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came to win redemption, Lowly came on earth to die,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Came in deep humility.

Jesus comes again in mercy When our hearts are worn with care;
Jesus comes again in answer To an earnest, heartfelt prayer,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.

Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;
Jesus comes with words of gladness, Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.

Jesus comes on clouds triumphant When the heav'ns shall pass away.
Jesus comes again in glory; Let us, then, our homage pay,
Alleluia! ever singing Till the dawn of endless day.