



Christ the King

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 20, 2022 | 10:30 AM



Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Children are welcome. We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers and a professionally staffed nursery is available from 7:45 AM to 11:45 AM. Follow the signs or ask any member for directions.

To assist you during worship: Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and the pastors will be happy to commune you at your pew.

Offerings: St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

Assisted Listening: To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST_JOHNS_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen. Individual wired devices coming soon!



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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God, through the Lordship of your Son, Jesus Christ, the powers and dominions of the world obtain their purpose, and creation finds its meaning. Reveal to the world the gracious rule of Christ, end all enmity among the nations, and bring us soon to his glorious, peaceable kingdom; through Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ELW *Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Red Book*

ACS *All Creation Sings: Purple Book*

PRELUDE Alleluyas

Simon Preston

WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In Christ all things hold together;

he is head of the Church and Lord of all.

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our God.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

Jesus Christ is coming to reign.

To God be glory forever and ever!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

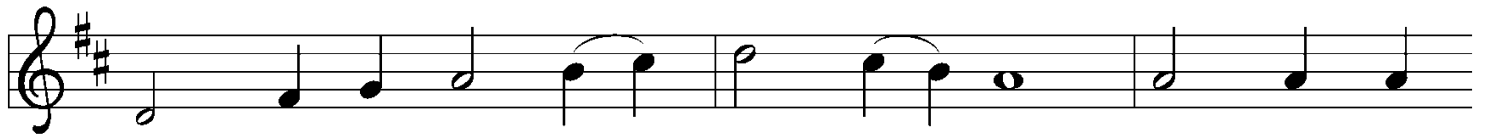
In Christ, God came to reconcile all things, making peace through the blood of the cross.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

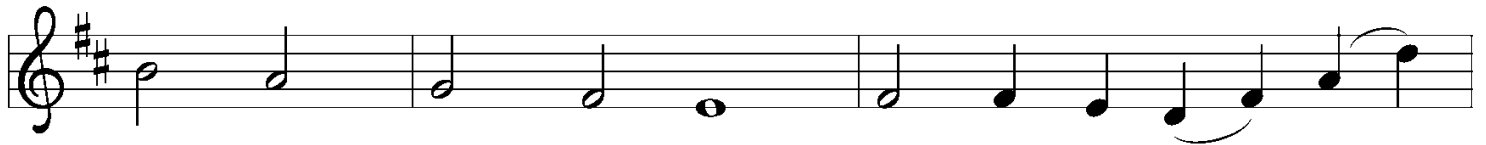
Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acknowledge Jesus as lord of our lives and acclaim him as ruler of all. Make us servants of our servant King Jesus, in whose name and by whose mercy we pray. Amen.

God is merciful and forgives us all our sins. In the stead and by the command of our † Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there we are expecting a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord, who will transform the body of our humiliation into the body of his glory, and make all things subject to himself. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 434 Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

APOSTOLIC 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



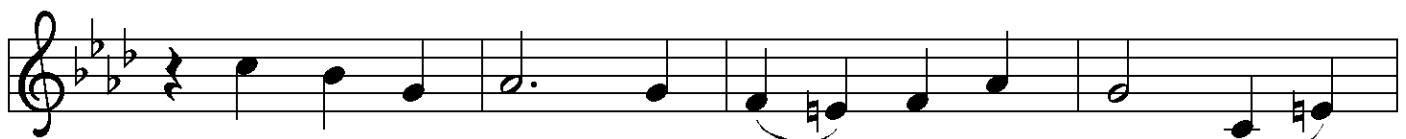
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

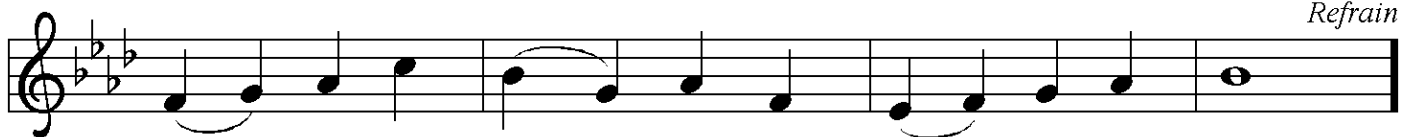


blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain



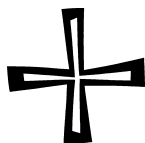
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1–6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord.

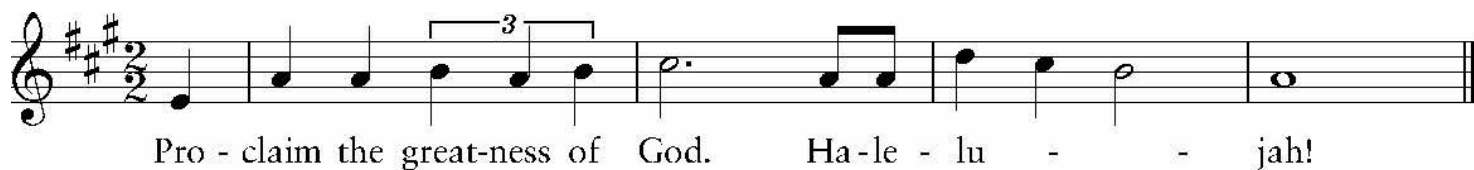
²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. ***The assembly responds:*** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99:1–5, 8

Refrain sung first by choir; all other times by all. Boldface verses sung by all.



¹The LORD is king; let the ¹ people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ¹ the earth shake.

²**The LORD, ¹ great in Zion,
is high a- ¹bove all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is ¹ great and awesome;
God is the ¹ Holy One. *R*

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- ¹tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- ¹ness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- ¹fore God's footstool;
God is the ¹ Holy One.

⁹**Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's ¹ holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the ¹ Holy One. *R***

SECOND READING Colossians 1:11–20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

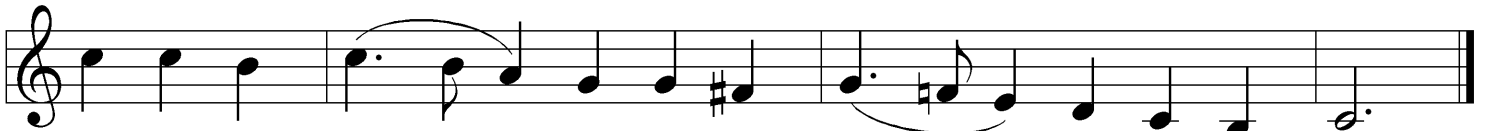
GOSPEL PROCESSION ELW 662 Christ Is the King!



1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - joice; broth - ers and
4 Let love's all - rec - on - cil - ing might your scat - tered
5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's



sis - ters, with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
com - pa - nies u - nite in ser - vice to the Lord of light.
will on earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: George K. A. Bell, 1883–1958, alt.
Music: GELOBET SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpinus, c. 1570–1615

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GOSPEL Luke 23:33–43

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

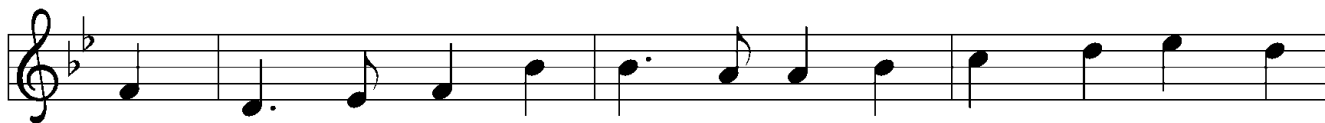
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Vicar Naem Harry

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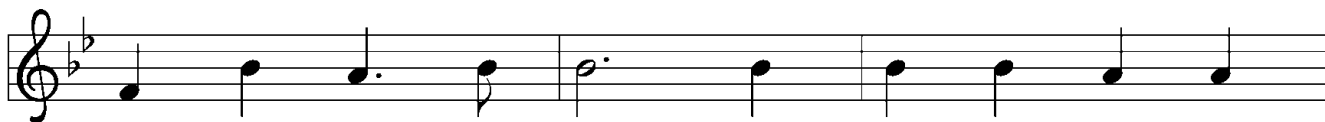
HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 431 O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us



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!

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824-1902

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NICENE CREED

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us with confidence bring our prayers and supplications before the throne of grace.

O God, we pray for the Church, the sign of your reign, that it may extend your welcome to people of every race and background. Your reign come, **your will be done.**

We pray for those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, providing for the needs of all. Your reign come, **your will be done.**

We pray for those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure. Your reign come, **your will be done.**

We pray for all who are oppressed, abused, vulnerable, and alone; for those without homes, food, medical attention, or work; for immigrants and refugees; for prisoners, for the falsely accused, and victims of crime. Your reign come, **your will be done.**

We pray for all who are sick or suffering in body, mind, or spirit. We bring before you those commended to our prayers whom we name now. Your reign come, **your will be done.**

We pray for this community of faith, that attentive to your word we may always worship in spirit and in truth. We pray for our partner congregations: St. Stephen's Grace, Newark and Bethlehem, New Orleans. Your reign come, **your will be done.**

We give thanks for all the saints who from their labors rest, bring us at length, with the dying thief who looked to you for mercy and with all the saints, into the paradise you have prepared for all those who love you. Your reign come, **your will be done.**

Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than the power of wealth and might. Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign. We ask this through Jesus Christ our King; to him be glory and power forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

Please be seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org or scan this code.



OFFERING MUSIC All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

Amy Beach

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of our God
Who from his altar call
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, the Heir of David's line
Whom David Lord did call
The Lord incarnate, man divine
And crown him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race
Ye ransomed of the fall
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, every tribe
Before him prostrate fall!
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet (1780)

Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has two measures: "The Lord be with you." and "And al - so with you." The second staff also has two measures: "Lift up your hearts." and "We lift them to the Lord." The third and fourth staves each have one measure: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

PROPER PREFACE

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation consists of four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has two measures: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of". The second staff has two measures: "pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff has two measures: "san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the". The fourth staff has two measures: "name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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 forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time.

The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer.

The vicar serves the wine from the chalice—either by intinction or drinking from the common cup.

The assisting minister serves the wine / grape juice in pre-filled individual cups.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.

If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 462 Now We Join in Celebration



- 1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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COMMUNION HYMN ELW 637 Holy God, Holy and Glorious



1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,
2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,
3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,
4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,
5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us
pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;
beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;
wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:
life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.
emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.
scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.
God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.
dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: NELSON, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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Please stand.

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your reign of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, our king and Lord. Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God—Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit—be with you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns



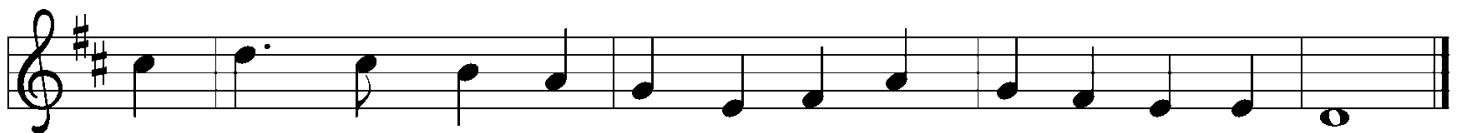
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

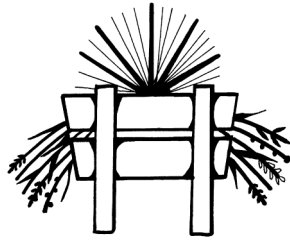
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Hymne d'Action de Grâce, «Te Deum»

Jean Langlais



Advent & Christmas Schedule

December 4	2 nd Sunday in Advent 8:00 & 10:30 AM Intergenerational Advent Activities at 9:00 AM Advent Lessons & Carols at 10:30 service
December 11	3 rd Sunday in Advent (Gaudete) 8:00 & 10:30 AM Intergenerational Advent Activities at 9:00 AM Dinner Church at 6:00 PM
December 18	4 th Sunday in Advent 8:00 & 10:30 AM Intergenerational Advent Activities at 9:00 AM Decorating the Church Caroling at 4:00 PM
December 20	Blue Christmas at 7:00 PM
December 24	Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Candlelight Communion with Brass 10:00 PM Candlelight Communion with Brass
December 25	Christmas Day 10:30 AM
January 1	Christmas 1 10:30 AM

November 20, 2022

2023 Pledge Update: We have received **65 pledges** for a total of **\$357,620** toward our goal of **\$480,000**, and World Hunger pledges are **\$14,500**. Please submit your 2023 pledge today!

Children's Choir rehearsal TODAY, 9:30 to 10:00 AM in the Choir Room, followed by Faith Formation in the Youth Lounge at 10:00 AM. Contact Christopher Harlow-Jennings for details.

Thanksgiving Potluck, TODAY: Join us after the 10:30 AM service to celebrate Thanksgiving. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish to share with your church family.

Youth Group meeting, TODAY at 5:00 PM. We are headed to the grocery store to purchase food for the Maplewood Community Fridge with dinner afterwards. Contact Kirsten Meyer or Stephanie Rothman for details.

Church Office will be closed during Thanksgiving week, **November 21–25**.

Summit Interfaith Thanksgiving service, Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 PM at Fountain Baptist Church, 116 Glenside Avenue, Summit, with an offering for Summit Warm Hearts.

Advent Devotionals, "Naming Jesus," World Hunger devotions, and Advent calendars can be picked up in the narthex.

Advent Sale running **November 27 through December 18** in the chapel.

Christmas Bridges Donations: On **Sunday, December 18 at 9:00 AM** we will have a fun intergenerational event packing 200 sustainable lunches. Sign up in the narthex or online to donate items, which must be delivered to church by **8:00 AM, December 18**.

The Mitten Tree: We are collecting hats, mittens, scarves, and winter apparel for St. Stephan's-Grace, Newark. Bring in new/gently-used items to help our neighbors in need.

LSM Christmas Gifts are coming: Check the weekly email for more information.

Intergenerational Christmas Choir will sing at the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service. Open to all children (4+), youth, and adults. The choir will rehearse on Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM. We will learn the carol at Faith Formation on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

Sum of Us Author Visit: SIC Anti-Racism Committee is bringing Heather McGhee, author of *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper* to Summit, **December 1, 7:00 PM** at Summit High School. Admission is free but you must register in advance. See the weekly email for a registration link.

Summit Warm Hearts: Summit Interfaith Council has created emergency shelter in houses of worship during November–March. St. John's will host Thursday and Friday nights in Hinman Hall and the Adult Lounge from 8:00 PM–6:00 AM. The SIC has hired vetted, trained and insured overnight hosts.