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Our vision for ministry ...

**"God calls us to reach out and to grow in Christ's love"**



Christ the King

*Announcements and Parish Concerns*

This is the day that the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Let's join in praising our Lord Jesus!

*Hymn* ELW (red book) **855** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

**<sup>1</sup>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.**

**<sup>2</sup>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.**

**<sup>3</sup>Crown him the Lord of love--behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**

**<sup>4</sup>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.**

**<sup>5</sup>Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

*Greeting*

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Hymn of Praise:* Tune: Joyful, Joyful LBW (green book) **551**

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all you bring;  
Mighty God of all creation, praises now to you we sing.  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the heavenly splendor bright.  
For the grace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

*Prayer of the Day*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together: **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.**

*First Lesson: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24* 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. nrsv

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Second Lesson: Ephesians 1: 15-23* 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. nrsv

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*Response* Tune: LBW **250** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior; open now your saving Word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred!  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

*Gospel Lesson: The Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ!*  
The Good News according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Matthew 25: 31-46* 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." nrsv

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

*Sermon; Pastor Dan Clayborne*

*Hymn* ELW (red book) **634** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

**<sup>1</sup>All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.**

**<sup>2</sup>O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.**

**<sup>3</sup>Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call  
the God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.  
The God Incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.**

**<sup>4</sup>Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.**

**<sup>5</sup>Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.**

**<sup>6</sup>Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.**

*Nicene Creed*

**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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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 the Church*

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.....

..... 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 and Forgiveness*

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

*Sharing of the Peace*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Preface to Communion*

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 and good to give our thanks and praise, for you, O God, exalted the risen Christ to rule over all creation, that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Therefore with apostles and prophets and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joy and we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus* Tune: "Praise, My Soul" LBW 549 "*Holy, Holy, Lord Most Holy*"

**Holy, holy, Lord most holy, God of pow'r and God of might:  
Heav'n and earth reveal your glory. Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!  
Blessed be the coming Savior. Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!**

*Words of Institution*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took break, 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.

*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.**

*Invitation to the Table*

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table .**Amen!**

*Pastoral blessing for children and those not receiving communion.*

*Sharing of Holy Communion*

**Body of Christ, given for you.  
Blood of Christ, shed for you.**

*Post-Communion Blessing*

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

*Post-Communion Prayer*

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.**

*Benediction: ( ✠ Signifies the sign of the cross, a reminder of our Baptism)*

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* ELW (red book) **430** "Rejoice For Christ Is King!"

**<sup>1</sup>Rejoice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king adore;  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:** Refrain

Refrain: **Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**<sup>2</sup>Our Savior Jesus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above:** Refrain

**<sup>3</sup>His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n:** Refrain

**<sup>4</sup>He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit  
and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet:** Refrain

*Sending Forth to Serve*

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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