

November 26, 2023
Christ the King / Reign of Christ

PRELUDE "Sarabande in B" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

OPENING SENTENCES

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Ps. 118:1
God's steadfast love endures forever.
The Lord is God; we are God's people. Ps. 100:3
We are the sheep of God's pasture.
Jesus Christ is coming to reign. Rev. 1:6-7
To God be glory forever and ever!
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN: GTG #268** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

CALL TO CONFESSION Col. 1:20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Col. 1:13-14

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #468 "In My Life (Lord, Be Glorified)" LORD, BE GLORIFIED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Let your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING 2 Cor. 9:6

OFFERTORY "Valse no. 2" Schubert

+**RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*
(Germany, 1563)

57. How does "the resurrection of the body" comfort you?
Not only will my soul be taken immediately after this life to Christ its head, but also my very flesh will be raised by the power of Christ, reunited with my soul, and made like Christ's glorious body.

58. How does the article concerning "life everlasting" comfort you?
Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God forever.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 O.T. page 616

PSALM Psalm 100
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

**Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into God's presence with a song.**
Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
**Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving
and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23 N.T. page 148

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:31-46 N.T. page 22

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE 2 Sam. 23:3, 5
God our Sovereign has spoken;
the promise of the Lord endures forever.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "To Our Redeemer, God" arr. Lopez

SERMON "The King Who Seeks" Rev. Tony Patrick

+**HYMN: GTG #363** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" DARWALL'S 148TH

+**BLESSING** Rev. 7:17
May the Lamb upon the throne
be your shepherd,
guiding you to the water of life,
and wiping away every tear.
Amen!

+**CHARGE** 1 Pet. 1:13
Prepare your minds for action;
discipline yourselves;
set all your hope on the grace
that Jesus Christ will bring you
when he is revealed.
Thanks be to God!

+**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Marvelous Things" anonymous

POSTLUDE "Romance" anonymous

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY
Liturgist: Bruce Archer
Greeters: Vicki Drown and Emelia Hammond
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Doreen Chapman

Today's flowers are given by
Mary Lou French
in memory of
loved ones

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#61. *Shipwreck:*

Paul, under guard, sets sail for Rome, where he will be tried. The ship is nearly destroyed in a storm west of Crete, and drifts for two weeks.
(Acts 27:1-26) (AD 59)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 113. What is the ninth commandment?

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor” (Ex. 20:16; Deut. 5:20).

Question 114. What do you learn from this commandment?

God forbids me to damage the honor or reputation of my neighbor. I should not say false things against anyone for the sake of money, favor or friendship, for the sake of revenge, or for any other reason. God requires me to speak the truth, to speak well of my neighbor when I can, and to view the faults of my neighbor with tolerance when I cannot.

Question 115. Does this commandment forbid racism and other forms of negative stereotyping?

Yes. In forbidding false witness against my neighbor, God forbids me to be prejudiced against people who belong to any vulnerable, different or disfavored social group. Jews, women, homosexuals, racial and ethnic minorities, and national enemies are among those who have suffered terribly from being subjected to the slurs of social prejudice. Negative stereotyping is a form of falsehood that invites actions of humiliation, abuse, and violence as forbidden by the commandment against murder.

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DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Pine Ridge Mission Trip Dinner	11:30 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
	Board of Deacons	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
Saturday	Hanging of the Greens	9:00 am
	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS

Lloyd Fett	Nov. 26
Bonnie Friend	Nov. 29
Steve Sowles	Nov. 29

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Christ the King
stained glass window
at the Melkite Catholic Annunciation Cathedral
in Roslindale, Massachusetts

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*