

CHRIST THE KING, November 21, 2021
Three Crowns: Humility, Suffering, Glory

(P: pastor/leader A: pastor/assistant C: congregation)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All who are able, stand

OPENING LITANY AND PRAYER

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Christ came in all humility,

C: that we might become his brothers and sisters.

P: Christ was wounded for our transgressions,

C: that we might glory in our salvation from sin and death.

P: Christ rose from death and ascended into heaven,

C: that we might be with him for all eternity.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

All sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All who are able, stand

CROWN OF HUMILITY

HYMN: "Let All Together Praise Our God" LBW 47 (Green book)

**Let all together praise our God Before his glorious throne;
Today he opens heav'n again To give us his own Son, To give us his own Son.**

**The Father sends him from his throne to be an infant small
And lie here poorly mangled now In this cold, dismal stall, In this cold, dismal stall.**

**Within an earth born form he hides His all creating light;
To serve us all he humbly cloaks The splendor of his might, The splendor of his might.**

**He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us his realm, His glory, and his name, His glory, and his name.**

**He is the servant, I a lord: How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ child's love! No truer friend than he, No truer friend than he.**

**He is the key, and he the door To blessed Paradise;
The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise, To God our praises rise.**

**Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore,
And praise to God the Father yield And Spirit evermore; We praise you evermore.**

All sit

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:1-14 The Word became flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

COMMENTARY

All who are able, stand

CROWN OF SUFFERING

During the singing of the hymn, the PRAYER CARDS can be handed towards the center aisle and given to an usher.

HYMN: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LBW 116 (Green book)

**O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down.
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, What bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

**How art thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish Which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter Passion Were all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But thine the deadly pain.**

**What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
Oh, make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.**

**Lord, be my consolation; Shield me when I must die;
Remind me of thy Passion When my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, ne faith receiving, From thee shall never move;
For he who dies believing Dies safely in thy love.**

All sit

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 23:27-43, Jesus crucified with two thieves

And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ 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 railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? 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 justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

COMMENTARY

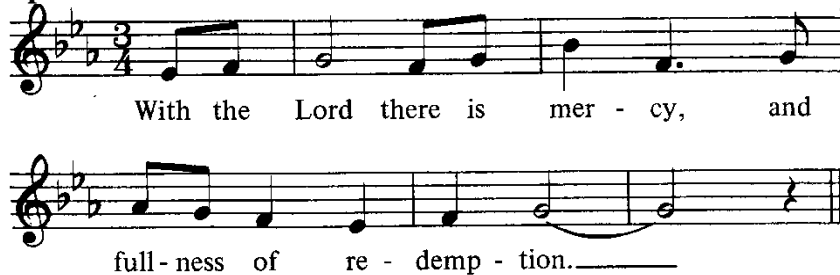
PSALM 130

The cantor sings the antiphon. The people repeat it.

The cantor sings the verses.

The people sing the antiphon where indicated.

Antiphon:



Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **Antiphon**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **Antiphon**

My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on God's word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than those who watch for daybreak.

(Let the watchers count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) **Antiphon**

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Israel indeed God will redeem from all its iniquity. **Antiphon**

All who are able, stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious and merciful God,

C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

The minister addresses the congregation.

P: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellences of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

P: Your sins are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God.

NICENE CREED

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

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;
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 AND INTERCESSIONS

P: Gathered together with all the saints, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in any need.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

All sit

CROWN OF GLORY

HYMN: “Beautiful Savior” LBW 518 (Green book)

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I’d love thee, Truly I’d serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!

SCRIPTURE READING: Rev. 1:4b-8, Glory to the one who made us a kingdom

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

COMMENTARY

All who are able, stand

PRAYER

P: Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. In a wonderful Sacrament, you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought. In your Son’s name we pray,

C: Amen

THE EUCHARIST

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
surrounded by evil and bordered by death
we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace
and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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.

We cry out for the resurrection of our lives,
when Christ will come again in beauty and power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

P: Jesus, our King, serves us his own body and blood.
Come and eat.
Come and drink.

All sit

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

C: Amen

PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen

A: Go in peace. Spread the Gospel.

C: We will with the help of Jesus our King.

DISMISSAL HYMN: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” LBW 170 (Green book)

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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 pow’r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, And round his pierced feet
Fair flow’rs of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.**

**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 of me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.**

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PRAYER CARD

If you have a Prayer Request, use the YELLOW card that is available in the narthex, from an usher, or in the pew racks. Ushers will collect the cards before the Sermon so that prayers can be offered during the Intercessions.

If you are visiting with us, please use the Information Update on the reverse side of the card. Include your name and address and other important information. If our congregation can assist you in any way, please put that information on the card or speak to the Pastor.

ASSISTANCE

The ushers can supply parents of small children with soft toys, books, and a weekly children's worship bulletin. The parlor (the room behind the sanctuary) has a loud speaker and window so that, if necessary, parents can use it as a cry room and still see and hear the service. Large-print editions of our worship service are also available from the ushers.

HOLY COMMUNION

Based on the teachings of Scripture and in response to the Lord's admonition that, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)," we ask that those who attend the Lord's Supper ask of themselves the following questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's grace? (1 John 1:8-9)
2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (1 Cor. 11:26-29)
3. Do you believe in Jesus as your Savior? (Romans 5:6)
4. Do you intend with the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life? (2 Cor. 5:15)
5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true body and blood in the Lord's Supper?
(Mark 14:22-24)
6. Do you trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in Holy Scriptures? (John 8:31-32)
7. Have you been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
(Matthew 28:19-20)

If your answer to these questions is yes, then we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions, burdens, or doubts concerning the sacrament, please speak with the Pastor before communing. Adults and children not receiving the Body and Blood of Christ may instead come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Gluten free rice wafers are available. Please indicate this by clearly raising your index finger. Those who wish may use the method of intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) for receiving the sacrament. You may receive the wine from either an individual cup or the common cup. In the center of the individual cup tray will be cups holding **white grape juice** for anyone who would prefer that over wine.

Please inform an usher if you are unable to come to the altar; the elements will be brought to you.



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