

Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2020

PRELUDE *The King Sitteth at His Table, Op. 18, no. 1* Dupré (1886-1971)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like lost lambs or scattered sheep, the Lord seeks us and calls us to his fold, a beloved flock. Like a shepherd, God sustains us and gives us rest. Listen for the voice of the God seeking after you and respond with devotion and gratitude. Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN *Crown Him With Many Crowns* Diademata

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heavenly 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 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 bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power 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 flowers 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 for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you call us to be the agents of your compassion for the world, looking for the face of Christ in others. But we are blind to everyone but ourselves. We fail to recognize you in the bullied child, or the stranger who is different; we miss you in the patient left to carry her pain alone, or in the unhoused clinging to their dignity. We overlook you in the one struggling with addiction, or mental illness; we reject you in our enemies. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Break our hearts for what breaks yours, and

give us compassion and courage to respond to the suffering of this world; we pray through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI 581 Greatorex (1816-1853)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.
World without end, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 100

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON *A glimpse of the King.* Rev. Patrick Pettit

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM *For the Fruits of This Creation* Jackson (b.1917)

For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;
For good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
To keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Marche triomphale: Nun danket alle Gott

Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:

The Legacy: Eloise Morris

Augusta Nursing and Rehab: Mary Ann Maupin

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Summit Square: Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Edie Lawrence, Steve Doherty, Nancy Snyder, Kathy Brown

Friends and Family: Andy & Jean Robeson, Wanda Braden, Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds (Cunninghams), Steve Stevens, Paul Jones, George & Alice Morris (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Emily Bardeen (Sandi Henderson), Kathy Doyle (Cindy & Rodger Doyle), Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Tony Poplin, Jerry Hughes, Paul Watts (Colleen Cash), Helen Schurz (Holly Bennett), Shae Blackwell and Family (Preschool), Carol Buckalew (Jen Jones), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Merle Fisher (Anne Wood), Lawrence Maddox

Military: Jeremiah Henderson, Carson Craig

Missionaries: Elmarie & Scott Parker, PC (USA) Regional Liaisons to Iraq, Syria & Lebanon