



Online Worship Resource (Christ the King Sunday, November 22, 2020)

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Prelude:

Holy Art Thou

G. F. Handel

Holy, holy, Thou art holy; Holy Thou art God.

Angels bow before Thee, heaven and earth adore Thee.

Holy, holy, Thou art holy, holy Thou art God.

Blessings and honor, wisdom and power is Yours alone.

Holy, holy, Thou art holy, Holy Thou art God.

And You shall reign forever and ever and ever, holy Thou art God.

Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Nana Adu-Gyamfi, Liturgist

Please join me in the responsive Call to Worship:

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

For the Lord is a great God;

a great ruler over heaven and earth!

Opening Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

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.

Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against God and one another. Let us pray together . . .

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. We have failed to see your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry, we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger, nor visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your brothers and sisters, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive us. Open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of life in your kingdom.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

However, long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. Sisters and brothers, be assured of this: God's love for you is eternal.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Let us turn, then, and live together as family in God's kingdom. Alleluia! Amen.

Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the Prayer for Illumination:

Holy God, open your Word and give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that our eyes may be enlightened and we may know the hope to which we have been called. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "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. ³² 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, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ 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; ³⁵ 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, ³⁶ 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.' ³⁷ 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? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ 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.' ⁴¹ 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; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ 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.' ⁴⁴ 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?' ⁴⁵ 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.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Church Reimagined: Recognizing Jesus

Rev. Michelle Fincher

Hymn after Sermon: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

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 angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his 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.

Invitation to offering

(Liturgist)

In gratitude for the immeasurable gift of Jesus Christ, we offer our gifts and our lives to God. Please pray with me the Prayer of Dedication. . .

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, use us, and these gifts, we pray, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and honor your presence in all people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and 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 Benediction Song "Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God with heart and hand and voices;
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
The one Eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Postlude:

Thanksgiving Medley duet

*We Plough the Fields, and Scatter
Father, We Thank Thee
Come, Ye Thankful People Come
God Is So Good
For the Beauty of the Earth*

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccaglio, guitar,
David Maley, piano, Nana Adu-Gyamfi, liturgist, and
Glenn Fahrig, technology team