



**November 22, 2020**

**Christ the King**

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

**The Prelude**

*Give Me Jesus*

Negro Spiritual, arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr.

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**The Welcome**

**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: God of justice and peace,

bring your dazzling light into our hearts and spirits  
that we might see the glorious opportunities we have to serve you.

Help us to see that following your mandate

to feed the hungry,

bring nourishment to those who thirst,

offer clothing to those in need,

visit the sick and those who are imprisoned,

welcome the stranger –

any activity of service as an act of great privilege and joy.

We praise you for the light of your son, Jesus Christ,

who boldly bids us care for each other

and become those who would bring good news of peace for all. Amen.

**The Hymn No. 2178**

*Here Am I*

STANISLAUS

1. Here am I,  
where underneath the bridges  
of our winter cities  
homeless people sleep.  
Here am I,  
where in decaying houses  
little children shiver,  
crying at the cold.  
Where are you?

2. Here am I,  
with people in the lineup,  
anxious for a handout,  
aching for a job.  
Here am I,  
when pensioners and strikers  
sing and march together,  
wanting something new.  
Where are you?

3. Here am I,  
where two or three are gathered,  
ready to be altered,  
sharing wine and bread.  
Here am I,  
where those who hear the preaching  
change their way of living,  
find the way to life.  
Where are you?

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### **The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 25:31-46

**The Sermon** *You May Have Already Seen the Face of God--and Lived!* Dr. Matthew D. Bates

### **The Offertory Prayer**

#### **The Offertory Anthem**

*Look, Ye Saints, The Sight Is Glorious*

Robert Wetzler

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious,  
See the Man of Sorrows now;  
From the fight returned victorious,  
Ev'ry knee to him shall bow;  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crowns become the victor's brow.

Crown the Savior, angels, crown him!  
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
In the seat of pow'r enthrone him,  
While the vault of heaven rings;  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown the Savior King of Kings.

Hark, those bursts of acclamation,  
Hark, those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station;  
O what joy the sight affords!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
King of kings, and Lord of lords!

Thomas Kelly, 1769-1854

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### **The Prayers of the People**

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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. Amen.**

## The Hymn No. 327

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace,  
    whose power a scepter sways  
    from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
        and all be prayer and praise.  
    His reign shall know no end,  
        and round his pierced feet  
        fair flowers of paradise extend  
        their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of love;  
    behold his hands and side,  
    those wounds, yet visible above,  
        in beauty glorified.  
    All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
    For thou hast died for me;  
        thy praise and glory shall not fail  
        throughout eternity.

## The Benediction

### The Postlude

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Wilbur Held

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***We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.***

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Matthew D. Bates
Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
Director of Music:	Stanley M. Baker
Pianist:	Lee Covington
Singers:	Emily Downey, Regan Sprenkle Todd Minnich, Sam Cook

# Scriptures

## Matthew 25:31-46

### The Judgment of the Nations

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

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