



Christ the King

November 21, 2021

8:15 a.m. -spoken

10:30 a.m. - with music

Welcome to St. John

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Parents with young children: Please know that your children are welcome and cherished in worship! Wiggles and all! If you find a need to step out with them during worship, we have arranged a special corner in the Great Room down the sanctuary stairs. We are working to connect our livestream to the TV in that space for you as well. As things improve with covid we will move back toward a staffed nursery room.

This service is livestreamed on the church's YouTube page.

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Order for Worship

Prelude

We ask that members and visitors please take a moment and sign in using the red information folders located in each pew and pass it on to your neighbor.

The assembly may rise.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Have mercy on us, O God.

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.
We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.
We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.
Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.
Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P: God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for ✠ Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.
Lift up your heads and your hearts.
Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: **Amen.**

Greeting

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.**

(10:30) Hymn of Praise ~ "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;

4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.

and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,

His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.

who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are arranged in lines corresponding to the musical notation, with some lines starting with a measure rest. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

Children's Message

Word

First Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

A: As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.
As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Sung Once by All.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. **(Repeat Alleluia)**

Gospel: John 18: 33-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Rachel Manke

Following a time of silence for reflection, the assembly may rise.

(10:30) Hymn of the Day ~ "The Head That Once Was Crowned"

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov-'reign right,
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;

a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme!

The assembly may rise.

Apostles Creed

P: *Together, let us confess our faith:*

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

A: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community including Manna on Main Street, Lutheran Settlement House and the Sanctuary Village Project. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering especially, Marie, Eunice, Diana, Gerry, Amy, Melissa, Tom, Kimberly, Jim, Joshua, Carolyn, Jean, Lois, Dick, George, Robert, Tim, Kate, Susan, Randy, Dorothy, Robert, and Donna. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(10:30) Anthem~ "King of Glory, King of Peace "

Jonathan Oehler, Baritone

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
And that love many never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou did'st note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou did'st clear me;
And alone, when they replied, Thou did'st hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee;
Ev'n eternity's too short to extol thee!

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: K. Lee Scott

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

During this time, we will not be passing the offering plates. We are grateful for all who are able to continue their support of St. John. There are three ways to share tithes and offerings:

- 1. Simply giving - You can arrange for a regular gift (weekly, monthly, quarterly) to be deducted from a bank account. Please contact Marcie Godby, our bookkeeper, to arrange for this (stjohn1802bookkeeper@gmail.com).*
- 2. You may go to St. John's website, <https://www.stjohnbluebell.org/>, and under "Quick Links" hit the "Online Giving and Donations" button.*
- 3. You may put your offering envelope (checks are preferred) in another stamped envelope and mail it to St. John: 1802 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422 (Attn: Marcie).*
- 4. You may make use of the offering plate located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.*

For communion: *Be sure to take a pre-packaged cup/wafer from the usher on your way into worship. If you forgot please alert an usher who will help bring you one. Pastor will indicate when in the service we will receive the elements together. All are welcome to Christ's table.*

The assembly may rise.

Offertory Prayer

P: Holy God,
the earth is yours and everything in it,
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,
and strengthen us to be your body for the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Meal

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

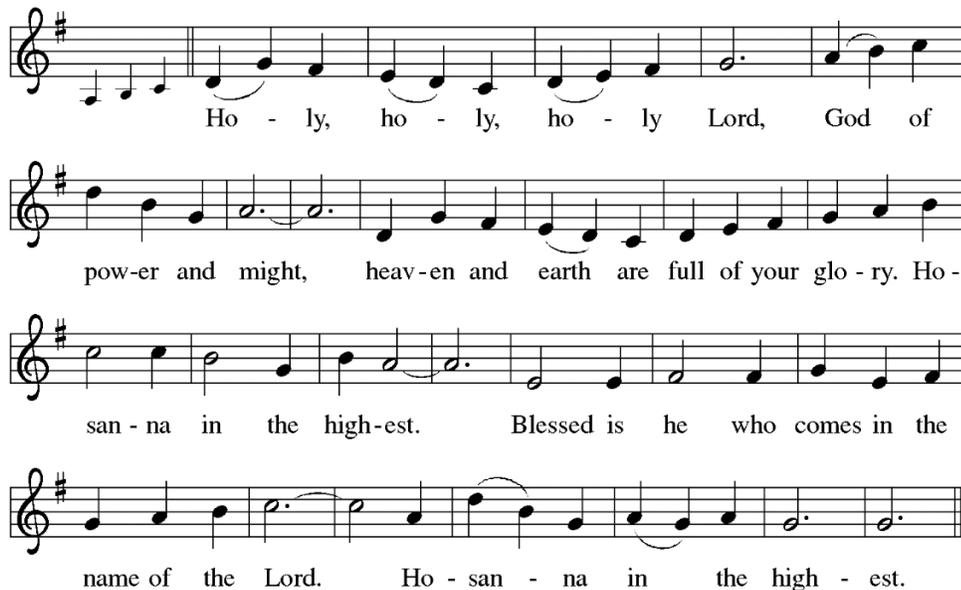
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: 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.

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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
who 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 and ever. Amen.**

The meal is shared together with the pastor leading with the words, "The body of Christ, given for you." then, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

The assembly may be seated.

Communion Hymn~ "What Feast of Love"



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Announcements

The assembly may rise.

Benediction

P: God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Assisting with Worship

Pastor	Pastor Rachel Manke
Organist	Patricia Pezick
Cantor	Jonathan Oehler
Lector 8:15	Arianna Greyson
Lector 10:30	
Usher 8:15	Patti Whitcomb
Usher 10:30	

Our Prayer List is printed separately from the bulletin. You may find a copy of the list in the Great Room.

Flowers are given today in memory of loved ones by the Posen family.

Announcements

First Communion- Is your child ready to begin receiving communion? Please get in touch with Pastor Rachel as she tries to schedule a learning session and other dates.

Refugee Holiday Card Project - You are invited to participate in the holiday card project of the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, called Hope for the Holidays. A table with information is set up in the Great Room or talk to Linda Carpenter.

Worship Assistance Help Needed - As we return to worship in the sanctuary, we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to act as ushers, readers, flower/bulletin sponsors and technology team volunteers. Get in touch with the Church Office if you can help in any way.

Flower & Bulletin Dedications are back - You can sign up on a physical sheet at the church or soon we will have an online link to use. Dedications need to be to the office by end of day on Wednesdays.

Annual Business Meeting Save the Date - Our annual business meeting of the congregation will be held on **December 5th** in two parts following each service. You may attend either following the early or late service. If a member is unable to attend in person for safety concerns, please contact Sue in the office to sign up for a Zoom connection following the late service. We have a short agenda primarily approving our 2022 operating budget.

Evangelism News- We are once again decorating the outside tree on **December 12**. Bags will be ready for you to take home after services on Sunday, November 28 and December 5. Each bag will contain the materials and directions to complete several different ornaments. One of each for you to use at home and one of each that can be used to decorate our outdoor tree. We ask that you return your completed “church” ornaments for our decorating party after the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 12.

Christmas bags for our homebound members- We have compiled these bags to be distributed to homebound members the week of November 28. These bags are white with red or green tissue. The name and address of a homebound member is attached to each bag. *Can you help?* There is a sign-up sheet in the Great Room, and you can take a bag to deliver. These folks will greatly appreciate your visit and have wonderful memories and stories to share. Let your presence be their present!!

Christmas Eve Services- For planning purposes, on Christmas Eve, we are intending to have a 4 p.m. Family service, as well as a 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Traditional service. More details will be coming in December.

Youth News...

Upcoming Dates –today at 5 p.m., Dec. 5, and Dec. 19 (The Advent Party)

Christmas Cookie Time is Near! An order form is available to begin placing orders for cookie dough. Deadline for ordering is November 28. All funds raised will go to the National Gathering fundraising efforts to get our group to Minnesota in July 2022.

This Week at St. John...

Sunday, November 21

8:15 Worship
9:15 Adult Bible Study
9:15 Sunday School for Children & Youth
10:30 Worship
5:00 Youth Group

Monday, November 22

9:00 Nursery School
9:30 Quilting Group [YC, MPR]

Tuesday, November 23

9:00 Nursery School
10:30 Nursery School [GR]
10:30 Pastor’s Bible Study

Wednesday, November 24

9:00 Nursery School closed
9:30 Spirit Walkers [Wentz Park]

Thursday, November 25

9:00 Nursery School closed

Friday, November 26

9:00 Nursery School closed

Sunday, November 28-First Sunday in Advent

8:15 Worship
9:15 Adult Bible Study
9:15 Sunday School for Children & Youth
10:30 Worship

