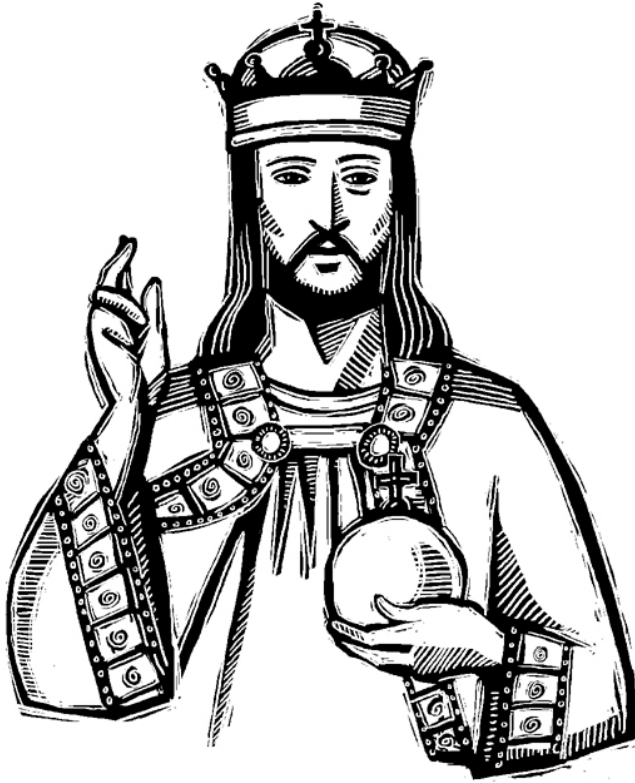


The Last Sunday After Pentecost: Christ the King



November 23, 2025
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;
During the service, let the Lord speak to you;
After the service, speak to one another.*

Prelude

The People stand as they are able.

Entrance 494 "Crown him with many crowns"

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won - drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - sored sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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The complete text begins on page 355 of *The Book of Common Prayer*.

The People standing, the Presider says:

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All say this Hymn of Praise (9 a.m.)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our
prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

All sing this Hymn of Praise (11 a.m.)

S 280 Glory to God

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

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The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated while lessons are read.

The Lessons

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response Psalm 46



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- ¹God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- ³Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. **Refrain**
- ⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁶God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- ⁷The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. **Refrain**
- ⁹Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- ¹⁰It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- ¹¹"Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth." **Refrain**

Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn “Jesus, Remember Me” (sing 4 times)





Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 23:33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴¶Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” ¶ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah 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 there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? 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 have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Deacon **The Gospel of the Lord.**

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Matthew Roney

Silence is kept for reflection, after which the People are bid to stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

**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 worshiped 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader Almighty and everliving God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for your whole, universal church and the world in which we live.

Dear God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Open our eyes to behold your revelation in nature, discerning your gracious hand in all your works: guide us to attend to the intricate beauty of this world, and nurture it so that rejoicing with all creation we may show forth your glory.

Dear God, in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

We ask you to inspire all people with the spirits of truth, unity and respect: that all who share this earth may live in peace and harmony. Inspire with your wisdom all those who are entrusted with authority in this and every land that they may honestly and impartially do justice, exhibit mercy, and act wisely for the peace and wellbeing of all.

Dear God, in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

Grant, dear God, that all who call upon your name may agree in the truth and righteousness of your holy word, living in unity and Christian love. Give grace to Matt our Priest, Dan our Deacon, and all bishops, priests, deacons and other ministers that they may in their lives and doctrine reveal your true and living word, rightly and properly administering your holy sacraments.

Dear God, in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

And give your divine grace to all your people, especially those gathered here today, so that with humility and reverence we may hear and receive your true word, faithfully serving you in grace and integrity each day of our lives.

Dear God, in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

We appeal to you, in your goodness, dear God, to comfort, assist and restore all who in this transitory life are troubled, in sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, that they may know the power of your healing love and be delivered from their distress. And help us to be willing agents of your compassion.

We remember especially Hazel, Sid, Ken, Marley, Julian, Tim, Joan, John, Reed, Audrey, Lotte, Patti, Debbie, Carol, Betty, Lee, Ginny, Matthew, Jim, Mike, Andrew, Carol, Michelle, Harry, Sue, Becky & Dante.

Dear God, in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer.

We bless your holy name for all your servants who have departed this life in the grace of faith: that your eternal peace and light perpetual may shine upon them; give comfort and grace to those who mourn. And may we also, by faith, share in your divine presence.

Dear God, in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for own needs and for those known to us.

Silence

Dear God, in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer.

We give you thanks for the grace and blessings we have received.

Dear God, in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect:

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Clergy and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

After the Peace, the People may be seated for announcements and the offering.

Offertory

Special Music

The People stand as the offering is brought forward.

Presentation Hymn



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly

bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly
from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er

work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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The Great Thanksgiving

The complete text begins on p. 361, BCP

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

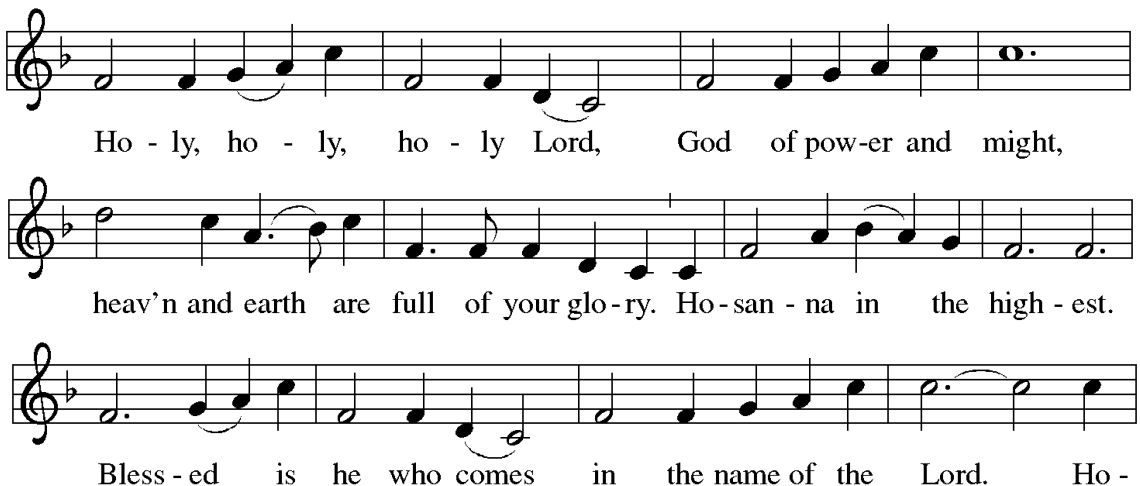
Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People (spoken at 9 a.m.)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider and People (sung at 11 a.m.)



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff covers the first line of the hymn, the second staff covers the second line, and the third staff covers the third line. The final note of the third staff is a half note, while the others are quarter notes or eighth notes.

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



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Then the Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People (spoken at 9 a.m.)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider and People (sung at 11 a.m.)



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Priest continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People (spoken at 9 a.m.)

AMEN.

People (sung at 11 a.m.)



Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then, the Presider says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All present are invited forward. If you are not a baptized Christian or choose not to receive, please cross your arms in front of your chest and instead receive a blessing.

If you would like to learn more about receiving the sacrament of baptism, Fr. Matt would be overjoyed to speak with you after the service.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Optional prayer for those who cannot receive due to absence, such as those worshipping at home

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

The people may be seated.

Hymns During Communion

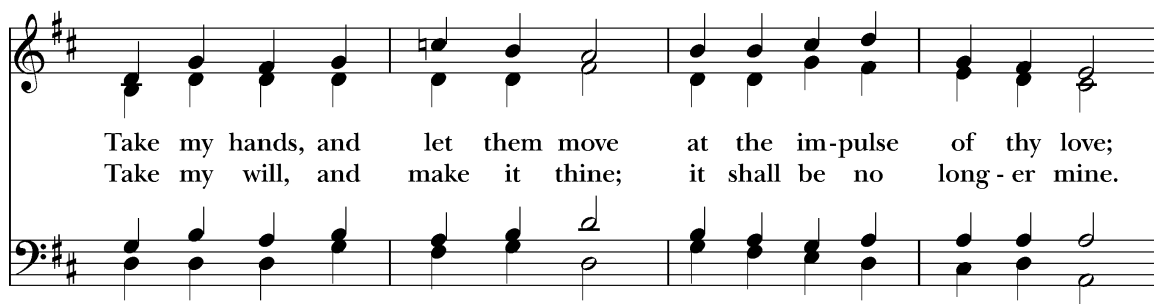
707 "Take my life, and let it be"



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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"Walls mark our boundaries"

Unison A $\flat$ (G) E $\flat$ (D) D $\flat$ (C) A $\flat$ (G)

1 Walls mark our bound'-ries and keep us a - part;
 2 Walls make us sure who is in and who's out;
 3 Once we were strang-ers, di - vi - ded, a - lone.

D $\flat$ (C) A $\flat$ (G) B $\flat$ min (Amin) E $\flat$ (D)

walls keep the world from our eyes and our heart.
 walls keep us safe from all ques - tion and doubt,
 Hate and dis - trust built a wall stone by stone.

Fmin (Emin) Cmin (Bmin) D $\flat$ (C) A $\flat$ (G)

Ta - bles are round, mak - ing room for one more,
 but at a ta - ble in o - pen ex - change
 Now at a ta - ble the bread that we share

D $\flat$ (C) A $\flat$ /C (G) B $\flat$ min (Amin) E $\flat$ (D) *Chorus*

wel - com - ing friends we had not known be - fore. So
 new ties are formed as our lives re - ar - range. So
 joins us to Christ in a cir - cle of care. So

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build us a ta - ble and tear down the wall!

Christ is our host. There is room

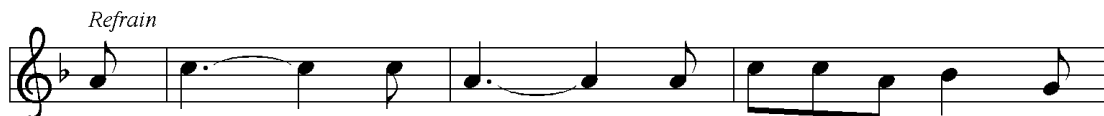
for us all!

all!

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“Jesu, Jesu”

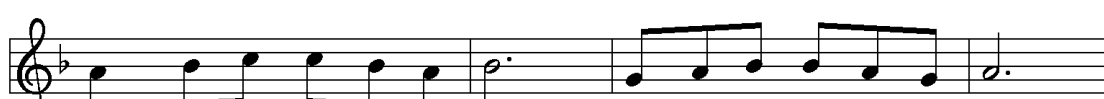
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

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Additional Communion Hymns:

H398 “I sing the almighty power of God”

H304 “I come with joy to meet my Lord”

The People stand as they are able.

After Communion, all say

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest bestows the blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

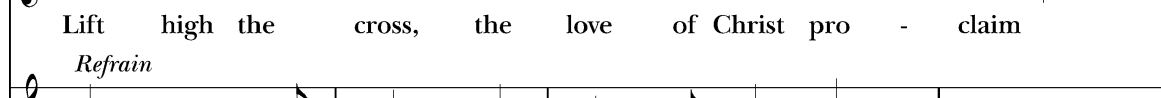
Closing 473 "Lift high the cross"

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain



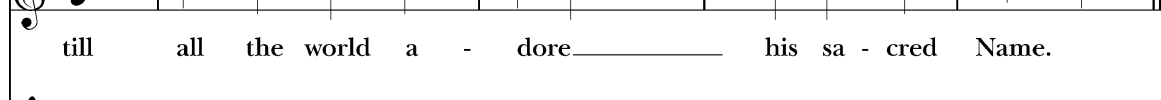
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.



till all the world _____ a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in conquering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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The Deacon (or if no Deacon, the Priest) dismisses the People.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

The Flowers On The Altar

Given to the Glory of God
 and
 In Celebration of the Birthday of Walt Jackowiak
 by
 Sue and the Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

LARCC: LARCC Clergy at St. Paul Lutheran Church

For Healing & Convalescing: Hazel Farnum, Sid Urbanowicz, Ken Hubbard, Marley Hamp, Julian Liske, Tim Fitzpatrick, Joan Campbell, John Precord, Reed Hamp, Audrey Himes, Lotte Rosenberg, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Carol Hart, Betty Bartley, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Matthew Van Zetten, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Carol Putkamer, Michelle, Harry, Sue, Becky & Dante.

Military: Ian Hamp, Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, John Hartman

Birthdays: Bruce Cannon (25), Andy Kelsch, Barb Ludwiczak (27), Jane Silver (29)

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: Church of the Nativity, Boyne City and Building Bridges Committee Members; Anglican: the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	9 & 11 AM 11 AM 4 PM	Holy Eucharist Children's Sunday School Sunday Supper
Tuesday	1:30 PM 4:45 PM 7 PM	Prayer Group Alpena Groove - Lower Level AA
Wednesday	12:05 PM 1 PM 3-6 PM 7 PM	Holy Eucharist Bible Study Cleaning Crew at Trinity (Please try to avoid planning activities during this time) AA
Thursday	9 AM 1 pm	THANKSGIVING-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED All Saints' Hall Reserved
Friday	5:30 PM	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Trinity Church is forming a committee tasked with ensuring newcomers are greeted, guided, and welcomed into the life of the church. Please contact Sue Jackowiak or JoAnn Pilarski for information about this new ministry opportunity.

CHILDREN'S ADVENT TEA

"A Starry Night" ~ Saturday, December 6 ~ Noon-2 p.m.

If you have children/grandchildren/family friends age newborn to 5th grade please give us their contact information so we may invite them to our Tea! Children attend for free! They do have to be accompanied by an adult who has to pay \$10 to attend. We can use donations of small, delicious tidbits, either sweet or savory, cheese, fruit, deviled eggs, crackers, etc. We will welcome any help with set-up help during the Tea and, of course, clean up! Any one of our committee members would love to hear from you.

Bronwyn (989.356.1045)

Kathryn (989.3556.1076)

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Sue (989.657.1025)

TECW BAKE SALE

TECW is hosting a **Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday, Dec. 14 following the 11AM service.** You are invited to bring your favorite baked items. Goodies can be packaged for sale in any quantity from individual cookies to an entire batch! Items will be sold by donation.

CAROLE CADARETTE IN CONCERT!

Sacred, Secular & Sing-Along Music on the Keyboard

Sunday, November 30

2:00 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church

202 W. Westover Street

East Tawas, MI 48730

Free Concert Open to All



Tell Out My Soul

Even Our Bodies Tell Our Stories

In 6th grade, I started writing poetry and continued doing so well into my 20s. When I was ordained at age 28 and preaching regularly, I stopped writing poetry. Sermons became my creative outlet. When I started going through fertility treatments, I started writing again. I was taught that we should preach from our scars and not our wounds, and I didn't want to burden people about my pain about infertility. We are overwhelmed with scripture that tells us that women who were barren but also faithful would one day conceive. I wanted to provide a counter narrative and dreamed of writing a book. While I never wrote a whole book about it, I coauthored a book with three other clergy women. We wrote about doubt, loss, grief, parenting, grace and infertility.

While that book was in the process of being published, I contracted MRSA and almost died. I was in the hospital for a month. My best friend was in remission from lung cancer and she and I talked about how hard it was to pray when we were so sick. We decided to write a book called: *Irreverent Prayers: Talking to God When You're Seriously Sick*. Before writing that book, I never wrote my own prayers. With so many beautiful prayers out there, what could I possibly add that would be worth hearing? Despite the fact that I had been a priest for 17 years at that point, I had no confidence in my ability to pray. The greatest gift that came from the book is the prayers that readers wrote in response. I realized that our gift was not merely a book of prayers that others could read, it was liberation to pray from places of pain and despair. tens.org



Questions for Reflection:

We are taught that our “gifts” are the things that we are good at. What if we gave from places of vulnerability and fear instead of strength and confidence?



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REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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Tuesday - Thursday - 1pm to 5pm, Friday - 1pm to 3pm

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! As part of the global Anglican Communion, ours is a tradition both catholic and reformed—a *via media*, or "middle way," within the historic Christian faith.

Part of the Alpena community since 1864, our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a National Jubilee Center, we work to serve those in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome and wanted in this place. We are delighted that you are here, and hope that you will join us in prayer and fellowship.

The Vestry

Ellen Eagan, Senior Warden

Don Stockdale, Junior Warden

Susan Fitzpatrick, Treasurer

Michelle Cornish, Clerk

Sue Jackowiak

Ted Rockwell

Cathy Meske

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