

THE LAST SUNDAY OF END TIME: CHRIST THE KING

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Worship Focus

Lord, keep us joyful in our King!



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Order of Service for LAST SUNDAY OF END TIME

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✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

120 – What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!
down, When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,
sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won-drous love is this That caused the Lord of
When I was sink - ing down Be - neath God's right - eous
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for



bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: *A General Selection of . . . Spiritual Songs*, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.
Tune: WONDROUS LOVE (12 9 66 12 9) *Southern Harmony*, New Haven, 1835.

INVOCATION

Minister The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

✘ The Word ✘

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23,24

Christ the King carries out his duties with the heart of a shepherd.

EZEKIEL 34:11 “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴ I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

²³ I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

As our King, Jesus rules all things. The last enemy he will destroy is death.

1CORINTHIANS 15:20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL

Matthew 27:27-31

Christ the King is mocked for his rightful claim, but he goes to these depths to save sinners.

MATTHEW 27:27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him.²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said.³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



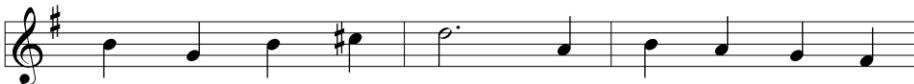
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

217 - The Head that Once Was Crowned



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns Is
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, The
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low; They



crowned with glo - ry now; A roy - al di - a -
his, is his by right, The King of kings and
joy of all be - low, To whom he man - i -
all its grace, is giv'n; Their name, an ev - er -
reign with him a - bove, Their pro - fit and their



dem a - dorns The might - y vic - tor's brow.
Lord of lords And heav'n's e - ter - nal light,
fests his love And grants his name to know.
last - ing name; Their joy, the joy of heav'n.
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.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855.

Tune: ST. MAGNUS (CM) Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707.

✠ Sermon ✠

Matthew 27:11-31

Christ the King Shows Wondrous Love

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING ANNOUCEMENT and MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever! **Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.**

You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being. **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!**

You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father. **Help us live as royal priests.**

We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls. **Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.**

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow. **Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.**

O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love. **Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords. **The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

278 - Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial song An - gel choirs a -
3 Blest Re - deem - er, vir - gin's Son, O - ver death his
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
bove are rais - ing; Proph - ets, mar - tyrs join the throng,
vic - t'ry claim - ing, Now as - cend - ed to his throne,
three we name you; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing With the Church in
Judge and king, his grace pro - claim - ing, O - pens heav'n to
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, Then, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
one ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
all his own. Praise and thanks to God a - lone!
bend the knee And con - fess the mys - ter - y.

Text: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774, abr., adapt., st. 1-2, 4; Ruth M. Glaeske, b. 1941, st. 3;
tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900, st. 1-2, 4, alt.

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Tune: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH (78 78 77) *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774, alt.

✘ Sending ✘

PRAYER

M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.





HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2020

“Jesus Is the Greatest Gift”



November 28,29	Advent 1	Regular schedule
December 2	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 5,6	Advent 2	Regular schedule
December 9	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 12,13	Advent 3	Regular schedule
December 16	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 19,20	Advent 4	Regular schedule
December 24	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	3:30 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	7:00 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Compline	11:00 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day Festival with the Lord’s Supper	9:30 a.m.
December 26,27	1 st Sunday after Christmas	Regular Schedule
December 31	New Year’s Eve with the Lord’s Supper	7:00 p.m.