

THE LAST SUNDAY OF END TIME: CHRIST THE KING

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Worship Focus
Christ IS the King!



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OPENING HYMN

341 - Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his
2 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -



throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All
side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In
grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For
bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The



mu - sic but its own, A - wake, my soul, and
beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the
those he came to save. His glo - ries now we
won - drous name of Love, Crown him with man - y



sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him
sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward
sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -
crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye



as thy match - less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty,
bends his won - d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright,
ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3.

Tune: DIADEMATA (SM D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

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 AND PRAISE

- M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**Hark! The glad celestial song
Angel choirs above are raising;
Prophets, martyrs join the throng,
In unceasing chorus praising
With the Church in one accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

**Blest Redeemer, virgin's Son,
Over death his vict'ry claiming,
Now ascended to his throne,
Judge and king, his grace proclaiming,
Opens heav'n to all his own.
Praise and thanks to God alone!**

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.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Daniel 7:13,14

In vision Daniel sees Christ the King given authority to rule by the Ancient of Days.

DANIEL 7:13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

PSALM

Psalm 45

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Refrain

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone

My heart is stirred by a | noble theme*
as I recite my verses | for the King.

You are the most excel | ent of men,*
and your lips have been anoint | ed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O | Mighty One;*
clothe yourself with splendor and | majesty.

In your majesty ride forth vic | toriously;*
let your right hand display | awesome deeds. *Refrain*

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and | ever;*
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your | kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate | wickedness;*
therefore God has anointed you with the | oil of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all gener | ations;*
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON Revelation 1:4b-8

Christ's greatest act as King seems to our eyes to be his lowliest. Oh, how we wait to see our King return in grandeur!

REVELATION 1:4b Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷ Look, he is coming with the clouds,

and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;
and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him.
So shall it be! Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

**O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring. (358:5)**

GOSPEL John 18:33-37

Jesus testifies to his kingship before Pilate.

^{JOHN 18:33} Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



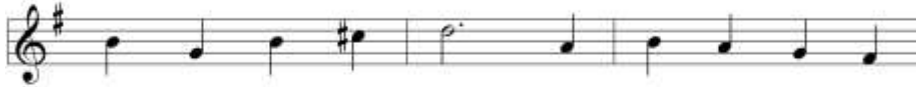
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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

Daniel 7:13,14

End with a Doxology

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.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Heavenly Father, You have revealed through created things, destined for destruction, a Kingdom that shall never be destroyed. In these gray and latter days, set the hearts of Your baptized children on what lasts, and help us to be a people who truly wait with anticipation for the glorious appearing of Christ the King. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Kind and merciful One, Your Son came into the world to bear witness to the truth. Open the mouths of all servants of Your Word, and enable them to speak truly and boldly of Jesus and how He has loved us and freed us from our sins by His blood. Raise up ever new workers to spread Your Word and speak Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Omnipotent One, Your Son is truly the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Remember in Your mercy our president and Congress, and all who bear office in our land. Give them wisdom to know what is right, courage to follow it and integrity to do so in honor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ancient of Days, You know the secret of our hearts. Give to us genuine repentance and faith, that we may live ever mindful of Your Day of Judgment, knowing that You alone can keep us from stumbling and present us blameless before the presence of Your glory with great joy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the midst of heaven and earth that pass away, we beg You, Father, to strengthen by the Words that will never pass away all who are in any affliction or trouble, heartache or pain [*particularly Your servants _____*]. Remove from them all fear, and help them to look forward to their full and final healing at the appearing of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Receive our thanks and praise for all those who have died in the faith, and bring us to share with them in the splendors of the new heaven and the new earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

361 - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y,
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph,



And with fear and trem - bling stand;
 As of old on earth he stood,
 Spread its van - guard on the way
 Cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 Lord of lords in hu - man like - ness,
 As the Light from Light, de - scend - ing
 Veil their fa - ces to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in his hand
 In the bod - y and the blood
 From the realms of end - less day,
 As with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ, our God, to earth de - scend - ing,
 He will give to all the faith - ful
 Comes the pow'rs of hell to van - quish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



Comes our hom - age to com - mand,
 His own self for heav'n - ly food,
 As the dark - ness clears a - way,
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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.



CLOSING HYMN

368 - O Savior, Precious Savior



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom, yet un -
 2 O Bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous -
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our



seen, we love, O name of might and fa - vor, All
 ly hast wrought, Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of
 pow'r di - vine; The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O
 song a - bove In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And



oth - er names a - bove, We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;
 love be - yond our thought, We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;
 Son of God, is thine, We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;
 ev - er - last - ing love! Then shall we praise and bless thee



To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee
 To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee
 To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee
 Where per - fect prais - es ring And ev - er -



and con - fess thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King,
 and con - fess thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King,
 and con - fess thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King,
 more con - fess thee, Our Sav - ior and our King,

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79, alt.

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY (76 76 D) Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.