

# THE LAST SUNDAY OF END TIMES: CHRIST THE KING

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## Worship Focus

Lord Keep Us – Under the Rule of Christ, the King



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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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## OPENING HYMN

216 - Saints, Behold! The Sight Is Glorious



1 Saints, be - hold! The sight is glo - rious— See the  
2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels, crown him! Rich the  
3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned him, Mock - ing  
4 Hark, those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark, those



man of sor - rows now, From the fight re - turned vic -  
tro - phies Je - sus brings; On the seat of pow'r en -  
thus the Sav - ior's claim; Saints and an - gels crowd a -  
loud, tri - um - phant chords! Je - sus takes the high - est



to - rious! Ev - 'ry knee to him shall bow, Crown  
throne him While the vault of heav - en rings, Crown  
round him, Proud to glo - ri - fy his name. Crown  
sta - tion; Oh, what joy be - yond all words! Crown



him! Crown him! Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow,  
him! Crown him! Crown the Sav - ior King of kings!  
him! Crown him! Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame,  
him! Crown him! King of kings and Lord of lords!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.  
Tune: CORONAE (87 87 47) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

## 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.

**Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim;  
All in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
Everlasting is your reign.**

**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! (278:1,3)**

## 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** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23, 24

Unlike the kings of this world, 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup> 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.

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

# PSALM

# Psalm 47

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*Refrain*



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

*Psalm tone*



Clap your hands, all you | nations;\*  
shout to God with | cries of joy.

How awesome is the | LORD Most High,\*  
the great King over | all the earth!

God reigns over the | nations;\*  
God is seated on his | holy throne.

*Refrain*

God has ascended amid | shouts of joy,\*  
the LORD amid the sounding of | trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing | praises;\*  
sing praises to our King, sing | praises.

For God is the King of | all the earth;\*  
sing to him a | psalm of praise.

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 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

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

<sup>1</sup> CORINTHIANS 15:20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.  
Alleluia. (Revelation 22:13)

### GOSPEL Matthew 27:27-31

Christ, the King, is mocked for his rightful claim as our King. As our King he willingly suffers for us.

MATTHEW 27:27 Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. <sup>31</sup> 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

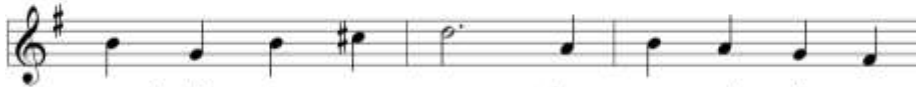


HYMN OF THE DAY

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 27:31b

**Christ is the King over the Undesirables**

## **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**

**M To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!**

**C Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.**

**M 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.**

**C Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!**



**M** 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.

**C Help us live as royal priests.**

**M** 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.

**C Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.**

**M** 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.

**C Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.**

**M** 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.

**C 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.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M** 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.

**C 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

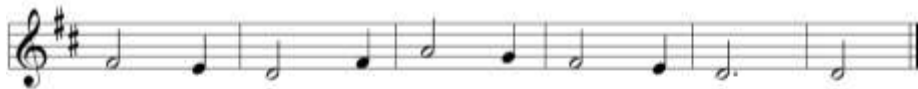
375 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My  
3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With  
5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant  
yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der  
you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my  
ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,

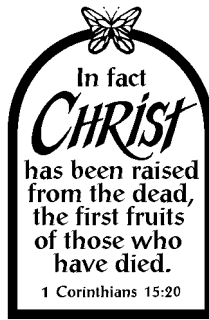


I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.  
my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Your goodness fails me never,  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
Within your house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.



## 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

351 - Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus



1 Hail, O once - de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, O Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, heav'n - ly hosts a - dore you, Seat - ed at your  
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing You are wor - thy



le - an King! You have suf - fered to re - lease us,  
 you were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 Fa - ther's side. Cru - ci - fied this world once saw you;  
 to re - ceive; Loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



Hope to give and peace to bring. Hail, O u - ni - ver - sal  
 You have full a - tone - ment made. Ev - 'ry sin has been for -  
 Now in glo - ry you a - bide. There for sin - ners you are  
 Right it is for us to give. Help, O bright an - gel - ic



Sav - ior, Bear - er of our sin and shame; By your mer -  
 giv - en Through the pow - er of your blood; O - pen is -  
 plead - ing, And our place you now pre - pare, Ev - er for  
 spir - its, All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing



its we find fa - vor; Life is giv - en through your name.  
 the gate of heav - en; We are rec - on - ciled to God.  
 us in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 our Sav - ior's mer - its; Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise.

Text: A Collection of Hymns, London, c. 1757, alt.

Tune: O DURCHBRECHER ALLER BANDE (87 87 D) Freylinghausen, Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1704, alt.

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