



Sunday, November 24, 2024
Christ the King

Service Theme
Live Forever with Christ as your King

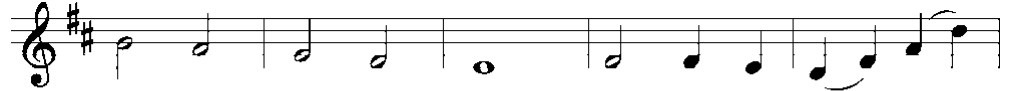
No matter what hopes we have for earthly governments, they always disappoint in the end. Why? Because they are all composed of imperfect and sinful people. But God has given us a King who is perfect and holy. He does nothing out of selfish ambition but everything for the good of those He leads. Not only that, but God has given Him authority over everything – even over death itself. What joy there is for us Christians in knowing that Jesus is our King. He will keep his promise to use everything we, believers, experience in this life for our everlasting good as we carry out his mission of proclaiming his Gospel to save the lost. He will keep His promise to deliver us from every evil – including death itself – to live with Him forever in the paradise He is preparing for us.

380 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CW 380



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made and end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring wor - ship and



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loosed their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, 1710-1793
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The Service *Setting Two (p.172)*

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

**I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts,
words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.**

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a
sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

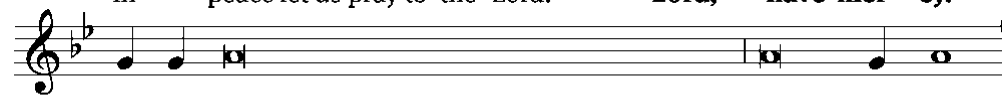
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174



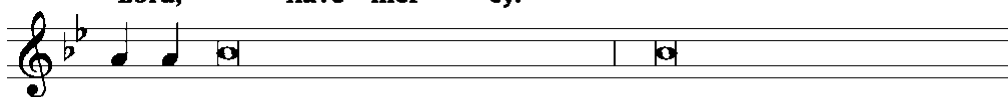
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



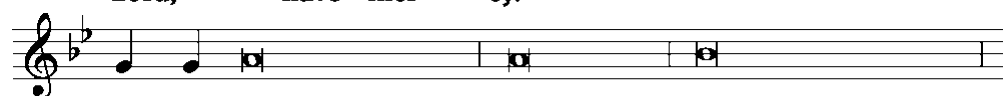
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glory to God in the Highest'. It consists of ten staves of music in a single system, all in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in a soprano or alto clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score includes a double bar line with repeat dots at the end of the first line of music, and another double bar line with repeat dots at the end of the second line of music. The final note of the piece is a sharp F (F#), which is not in the key signature.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth.

Tune: Marty Haugen

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Daniel 7:13–14

Daniel sees the Jesus, the Son of Man, given authority to rule over all.

¹³I kept watching the night visions, and there, in the clouds of heaven, I saw one like a son of man coming. He came to the Ancient of Days, and he was brought before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion, honor, and a kingdom. All peoples, nations, and languages will worship him. His dominion is an eternal dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

Thanks be to God.

95A The Rock of Our Salvation

Psalm 95A

Refrain



Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Tone



Come, let us sing for joy / to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the rock of our sal- / vation.
Let us come before him with thanks- / giving
and extol him with mu- / sic and song.
For the LORD is the / great God,
the great King a- / bove all gods.
In his hand are the depths / of the earth,
and the mountain peaks be- / long to him.
The sea is his, for he / made it,
and his hands formed the / dry land. *Refrain*

Come, let us bow down in / worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our / maker;
for he is our God and we are the people of his / pasture,
the flock under / his care.
Today, if only you would / hear his voice,
“Do not hard- / en your hearts
as you did at / Meribah,
as you did that day at Massah in the / wilderness.”
**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 Reading

Jude 17–25

Even though the last days will be filled with scoffers, King Jesus will keep believers from stumbling as they cling to the Gospel of God's love for us in Christ.

¹⁷But you, dear friends, remember the words that were spoken earlier by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁸They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers who follow their own ungodly lusts.” ¹⁹These are the people who cause divisions. They are worldly because they do not have the Spirit.

²⁰But you, dear friends, continue to build yourselves up in your most holy faith as you keep praying in the Holy Spirit. ²¹Keep yourselves in God's love as you continue to wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, which results in eternal life. ²²Show mercy to those who are wavering. ²³Save others by snatching them out of the fire. Show mercy to still others with fear, hating even the clothing that is stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you faultless in the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, be glory, majesty, power, and authority through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all time, now, and to all eternity. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 11:15

Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever. Alleluia,

Gospel

John 18:33-37

Jesus is no earthly King. He came to testify the saving truth about God's love for lost sinners. He came to rescue people from Satan's power and make them members of His kingdom through the Gospel.

³³Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

³⁴Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

³⁶Jesus replied, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here."

³⁷"You are a king then?" Pilate asked.

Jesus answered, "I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

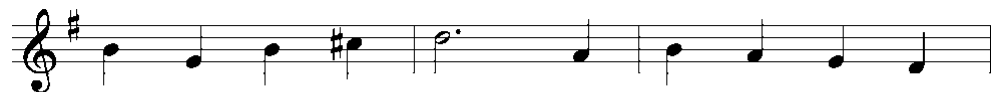
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

531 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns CW 531



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



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 -



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.

- 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.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855
Tune: Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707
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Sermon - Romans 14:17

*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking,
but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

The Kingdom of God:

- 1) What it is.
- 2) The blessings it offers.

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, 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, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, became truly human.

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 is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [*Special petitions.*] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering

CHURCH

533

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord



1 I love your king - dom, Lord, The place
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize
3 I love your Church, O God, Your saints
4 For them my tears shall fall; For them
5 Sure as your truth shall last, To Zi -



of your a - bode, The Church our blest Re -
its heav'n - ly ways, Its sweet com - mun - ion,
in ev - 'ry land, Dear as the ap - ple
my prayers as - cend; For them my cares and
on shall be giv'n The bright - est glo - ries



deem - er saved With his own pre - cious blood.
sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
of your eye And grav - en on your hand.
toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752–1817, abr., alt.
Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731–76.

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

511 Crown Him with Many Crowns

CW 511



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove;



hark how the heav'n-ly an-then drowns all mu - sic but its own.
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall;



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.
crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

Text (sts. 1-2, 4): Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, abr., alt.; (st. 3): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903

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Announcements

Church Cleaners

December 1 – Peter // December 8 – Barnabas

Advent By Candlelight

The women of the congregation are invited to this year's Advent by Candlelight on December 7 at 1:30 pm. This special service and fellowship is designed to help prepare your hearts for Christmas. You are encouraged to invite your family and friends as well. Talk to Laura for more information or if you would like to help in any way.

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (24) 9:00 am Bible Class

10:30 am Worship

10:30 am St. Paul's 150th Anniversary Worship

11:30 am Divine Word Coffee Fellowship

Pastor will be out of town from November 25th through December 3. If you need to contact him during that time, Please use his US number: (512) 887-8982.

Su (1) 10:30 am Lay-led Worship

We (4) 4:00 pm Communicating Christ (BIC)

Th (5) 6:00 pm Illumine (at St. Paul's)

6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

Fr (6) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study: Romans

4:30 pm Confirmation (D)

Sa (7) 1:30 pm Advent by Candlelight

Su (8) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class

10:30 am Worship with Communion

11:30 am Fellowship

3:00 pm Worship with Communion in Poltimore

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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