

Christ Before Pilate, Master of Cappenberg (Jan Baegert?) ca. 1517 National Gallery, London

CHRST THE KING SUNDAY

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church November 21, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Covid-19 Policy

Masks are required for worshipers, except when receiving communion.

Worship leaders may removed their masks to speak or to chant.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AREA

The northeast quadrant of the sanctuary is set aside for worshipers who are taking extra precautions to protect themselves and others.

- I. Masks must be worn.
- 2. A physical distance of at least six feet must be maintained.
- 3. The exchange of peace is made only with words, and only at a distance of at least six feet.

OFFERING

We are currently not passing the offering plates within the worship service, to avoid possible Covid transmission.

We have an offering plate on the table in the entrance foyer. Please place your offering there as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

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Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen Springer

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

PROLOGUE

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

Trio on "Helmsley" Karl Osterland (b. 1956)

Karl Osterland is Director of Music and Organist at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan. He completed bachelor's and master's degrees in organ performance at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, having studied with Robert Clark and Marilyn Mason of the UM faculty. He also studied composition at UM, with William Bolcom, who received the Pulitzer Prize in music for his set of twelve piano etudes. Karl Osterland's music is published by Augsburg Fortress. His work in the position of today's prologue is based on the great hymn tune "Helmsley" (which is the tune for today's sending hymn), and is the trio-texture movement of a two-piece set on this tune.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

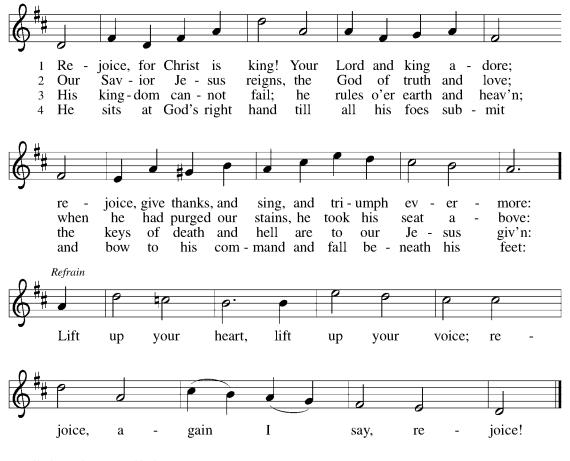
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.
We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor.
We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger.
We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy.
Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice.
Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. **Amen.** ***GATHERING SONG**

Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

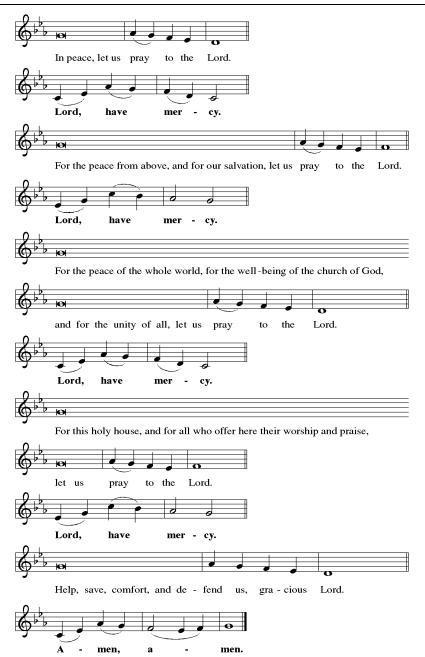
ELW #430



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

***G**REETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



***CANTICLE: THIS IS THE FEAST**



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

A reading from Daniel.

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place,

and an Ancient One took his throne,

his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool;

his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 93

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.



Psalm 93:2

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¹The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and ¹ armed with strength.

The Lord has made the world so sure that it can-¹ not be moved.

²Ever since the world began, your throne has ¹ been established; you are from ¹ everlasting. **REFRAIN**

³The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted ¹ up their voice; the waters have lifted up their ¹ pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers ¹ of the sea,

mightier is the Lord who [|] dwells on high.

⁵Your testimonies are ¹ very sure,

and holiness befits your house, O Lord,

forever and for- ¹ evermore. **REFRAIN**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

A reading from Revelation.

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

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** The assembly sings the acclamation before and after the verse of the day.



Cantor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name ¹ of the Lord.* Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an-¹ cestor David. [Mark 11:9]

*GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

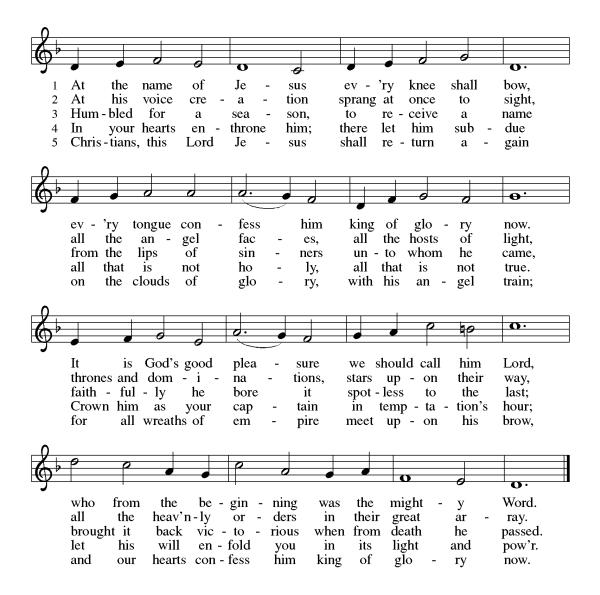
The Holy Gospel According to John Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this 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 to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**



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Each petition concludes, "Lord in your, mercy," and the assembly responds, "Hear our prayer."

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

After the assembly and the presiding minster exchange the peace, you are welcome to share the peace with others. Please do not presume that shaking hands or other touch is suitable for everyone. There is no physical exchange of peace in the extra precautions (NE) quadrant of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

(In-person worshipers may place their contributions in the offering plate in the church foyer before or after worship.) www.doveofpeacetucson.org/donate

Offertory John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

On this Christ the King Sunday, the choir offers Vaughan Willliams's festive and famous setting of George Herbert's poetry. Antiphon is part of a fivemovement suite originally scored for chorus orchestra and baritone soloist. In today's presentation, our organist serves as orchestra in virtuoso style. Worshippers will note that one of the other pieces from the suite, The Call, can be found in our hymnal as Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (ELW 816).

> Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing: My God and King. The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly; The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing: My God and King. The Church with psalms must shout, No door can keep them out; But above all, the heart Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing: My God and King.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with al - so with you. you. And Lift the Lord. up your hearts. We lift them to 0 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 0 right thanks and It is to give our praise.

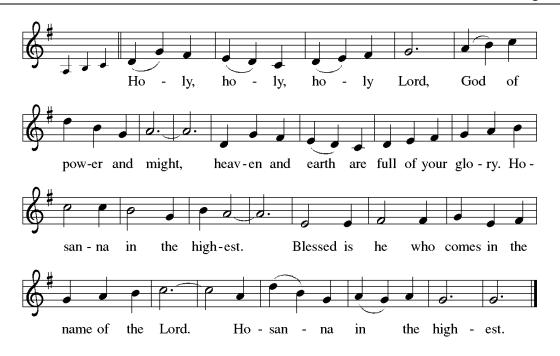
*DIALOGUE

*PREFACE (Ascension)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Setting One



*PRAYER AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



*THE LORD'S PRAYER

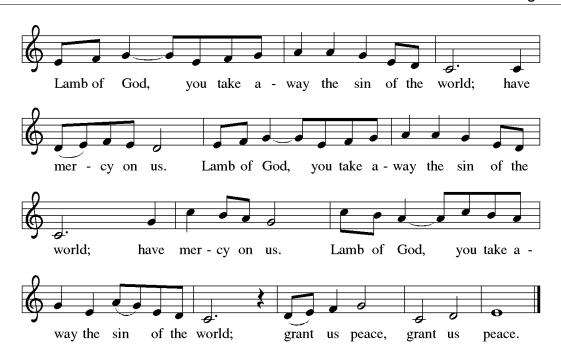
If you wish, you may join hands with members of your own household. Please do not join hands with others unless you have prior consent.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

*LAMB OF GOD

Setting One



***INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

"The gifts of God for the people of God." "Come; for all things are now ready." [Luke 14:17b, KJV] The assembly sits. Worshipers who wish to receive communion may approach the altar (see guidelines below)

Option One: Communion by intinction (as before Covid)

Worshipers may stand or kneel at the altar rail, and then may lower their mask to receive communion. The bread wafer will be placed in your hand by the pastor. When the chalice is offered, you may dip the tip of the wafer into the wine, and then consume the wafer.

Option Two: Packaged wafer and wine

A sealed packet will be available at (or near) the baptismal font. After taking the packet and returning to your seat, you may open the top of the packet to remove the wafer and consume it. Then, turn the packet over, remove the seal over the wine, and sip the wine. King's Weston (At the Name of Jesus) John Hebden Schaffner (1945-1995)

John Hebden Schaffner was born in Louisville, Kentucky. He completed his studies at Kentucky Southern College and the University of Kentucky. His works are published by Concordia, Augsburg Fortress, World Library Publications, Belwin Mills/Alfred, and Wayne Leupold Editions. He composed this gentle, elegant setting of Ralph Vaughan Williams's hymn tune "King's Weston" (At the Name of Jesus) for the Feast of Christ the King. This tune is today's hymn of the day. Schaffer made extensive use of motivic imitation in the piece, so that each successive phrase of the hymn tune enters noticeably, one voice at a time, to build the contrapuntal texture.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

COMMISSION

The Lord sends us forth into his world.

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.



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King's Weston (At the Name of Jesus) Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

Robert J. Powell received his BA from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, with studies in organ and composition, and then studied with Alec Wyton at Union Theological Seminary in New York. While there he served as Wyton's assistant at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. From 1968 until 2003 he was Director of Music and Organist at Christ Church (Episcopal) in Greenville, South Carolina. He is a prolific composer who has over 300 works represented by several major publishers, including works for organ and choral groups. His piece on "King's Weston" does full justice to the grandeur of the Ralph Vaughan Williams tune.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John Hoelter, assisting minister Dianne Huston, lector Eric Holtan, cantor Pamela Decker, organist

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Jo-Ann Bronson in memory of Ronn Bronson.

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