



CHRIST
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October 25, 2020
22nd Sunday of Pentecost

REFLECTION

Celebrating The Three Offices of Christ: Jesus Our King

Worship the King of love;
Worship Christ as supreme Lord over the world!
Come into his presence with a song;
With hearts full of joy,
Bow low, humble subjects.
Ascribe to the Lord glory and honor;
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name,
For in his magnificence He humbled himself
And came among us, a Servant King.
His crown was thorns, His throne a tree.
Worship the King of love
whose Kingdom shall have no end!
Alleluia!

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

Gathering Hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns

— God + calls + cleanses + speaks + strengthens + sends —

Call to Worship Matthew 25:31–35:

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
**And he will place the sheep on his right,
but the goats on the left.
Then the King will say to those on his right,**

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 peace; whose pow'r a scap - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

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 reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from
the foundation of the world.”

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Invocation

Old Testament Lesson Psalms 72:1–12

Praise Hymn King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Chorus

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

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Confession of Sin Matthew 25:41–46

Confession reflection: “Then he will say to those on his left, **‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’**

Then they also will answer, saying, **‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’**

Then he will answer them, saying, **‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’**

And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Individual Confession

Absolution

Colossians 1:11–14

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Thanksgiving Hymn

Psalm 62

My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me

Chorus

O praise Him hallelujah
My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting never failing
My Redeemer my God

Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go
Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven

Chorus

I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely
With ev'ry day pour out my soul

And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever

Bridge

O praise Him O praise Him
Hallelujah hallelujah
(Repeat 2x)

Chorus

Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:34–40

Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, you heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

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New Testament Lesson I Peter 1:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon Hope for Weary Exiles | Jon Coody

Response Hymn O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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Bringing Our Life to God

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Prayers of the People

Collection

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Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism (1647), question 45:

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

Christ executes the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them; in bestowing saving grace upon his elect, rewarding their

obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory, and their good; and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.

Communion in Christ Jesus

All Christians are invited to join us to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. During this time of social distancing we offer for our pastor to come and bless your partaking of elements you provide to preserve the corporate-presence of Christ pictured in the supper as best we can. If you've been part of our streaming service please text Curran (203-812-9928) to set up a time he can meet you (from a distance) to celebrate communion.

Celtic Alleluia

Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

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Coronation Hymn

Lead On O King Eternal

Benediction from 1 Tim. 6:11-16

As for you, O people of God, Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease;
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home;
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er thy face ap - pears;

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

REFLECTION

Christ's Work

Here is how the Westminster Larger Catechism expresses the truth that the man, Jesus, fulfilled the three great offices of the Old Testament:

Q. 43. *How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?*

A. *Christ executes the office of a prophet, in his revealing to the church, in all ages, by his Spirit and Word, in various ways of administration, the whole will of God, in all things concerning their edification and salvation.*

Q. 44. *How does Christ execute the office of a priest?*

A. *Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering himself a sacrifice without spot to God, to be a reconciliation for the sins of his people; and in making continual intercession for them.*

Q. 45. *How does Christ execute the office of a king?*

A. *Christ executes the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them; in bestowing saving grace upon his elect, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory, and their good; and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.*

Keep Christ's work as Prophet, Priest, and King before you. Among your friends and neighbors, coworkers and classmates, represent Christ in words and actions as the Prophet who speaks absolute Truth into a world that cynically asks with Pontius Pilate, "What is truth?" Represent Christ as the one Priest who can quiet an accusing conscience and render us acceptable to God though we're not. And represent him as the King—the King of your life and your loyalties, and the King of the whole universe. And look for the day when this un-compromising Prophet, this sympathetic Priest, this humble yet lordly King will be seen by the world—not as it sees him now, refracted poorly through us, but face to face. That will be our high hour, terror for the hard-hearted, and healing for the whole creation.

—Ron Lutjens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Group – meeting tonight, October 25, 5:30-7pm at the Alburgers (97 Oxford Road, Milford, CT 06460). We'll hear a ministry report about church planting and training pastors in Russia from Jon Coody, as well as take time to hang out together..

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting – 7-7:50pm

In the midst of pandemic, political chaos and social distancing we need each other, and we need God. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy, pray for each other, and have some “digital fellowship.”

[Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 856 4475 2681 Passcode: 665297

Exploring Church Membership – Thursdays, 8-9pm, Will Not Meet This Week.

We take five vows in joining a Presbyterian church—this class explores those vows, as well as some distinctives we strive to embody as a church.

[Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 856 4475 2681 Passcode: 665297 (same as prayer meeting)

Worship Location Schedule

We are still working on where will be meeting next Sunday (November 1, 2020) and for future Sundays.

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