

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

November 24, 2019

The Sunday Next before Advent/The Reign of Christ the King

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Standing on the Promises
Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

Tune: Promises
arr. Sandra Eithun

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 478 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda Anima*

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)
O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your Son, the beloved one who was rejected, the Savior who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his kingship illumines our lives. Show us again in his death the victory that crowns the ages and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Eternal God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

**We confess that we have not bowed before him,
and we are slow to acknowledge his rule.**

**We have pledged our allegiance to the powers of this world,
and we have failed to be governed by justice and love.**

**In your mercy forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Christ as Lord,
that we may be loyal ambassadors, who obey his commands ...**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing
Hymn 155 Rejoice, the Lord Is King Darwall's 148th

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a
Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46 Unison

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.

God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;

see what desolations God has brought on the earth.

The Lord makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**breaking the bow, shattering the spear;
burning the shields with fire.**

Be still and know that I am God.

I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Anthem Alleluia Ed Harris, 1979

Come adoring and confessing, alleluia; come to God, receive His blessing, alleluia. Alleluia.

God of God and King of Kings, alleluia; Maker of all wondrous things, alleluia.

Sing we praises unto you, alleluia. Alleluia; allelu. Amen.

Epistle Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel Luke 23:33-43

Sermon Kingdom Come Mike Krech
"Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'" Luke 23:42

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 599 Jesus, Remember Me Jacques Berthier, 1981

Apostles' Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory For the Beauty of the Earth Conrad Kocher, arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns Diademata

Postlude The Father Hath Provided Harris, Clark & Koch
arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today marks the end of the church's liturgical year. The feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to counter the secularism and nationalism that he found to be rising in Western culture. In 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the feast to the final Sunday of the church year to emphasize its eschatological dimension, and it has been taken up by many Protestants as a final affirmation of the lordship of Jesus Christ. (JMK)