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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

November 20, 2022

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

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Rejoice, the Lord Is King (Darwall's 148th) arr. Jason Payne

The congregation stands to sing

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

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; alt;

Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1869

The Head That Once Was Crowned

The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns The mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heaven's eternal Light:

The joy of all who dwell above, The joy of all below
To whom He manifests His love, And grants His name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is given;
Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above;
Their profit and their joy to know The wonder of His love.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1820

Tune: ST. MAGNUS; Jeremiah Clark (1670-1707); Playford's *Divine Companion*,
1709

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

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Text: Luke 23:42; Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1981

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee.
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1851;

Tune: DIADEMATA; George Job Elvey, 1868

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.;
Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985;

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT; Johann Crüger, 1648;
Harm. Adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840