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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 The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 149 The Head That Once Was Crowned St. Magnus

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the Baptismal Font for a Time for 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 King of Kings Brooke & Scott Ligertwood, 2019

Daniel Whitaker, soloist

Colossians 1:11-20

Hymn 599 Jesus, Remember Me

Jacques Berthier, 1981

Luke 23:33-43

Sermon Remembrance Mike Krech

"Then he said, Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Luke 23:42

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns Diademata **Apostles' Creed** Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579

Epistle

Gospel

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 How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art

arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 555 Now Thank Wo

Now Thank We All Our God Nun Danket Alle Gott

Worshipers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly now if necessary.

Postlude

Agincourt Hymn/At the Name of Jesus

John Dunstable; King's Weston, Ralph Vaughan Williams

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)

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! 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. Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

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