



# CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2023

**ENTRY OF THE LIGHT**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *"I Will Rise"*

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**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 95:1, 3* *Buddy Bradford*

*One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;*

**All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

*One: For the Lord is a great God;*

**All: a great ruler over heaven and earth.**

*One: Let us worship God!*

**\*HYMN** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* #15

**All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**O brother sun with golden beam,**  
**O sister moon with silver gleam,**  
**sing praises! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother wind with clouds and rain,**  
**you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**O sister water, flowing clear,**  
**make music for your Lord to hear.**  
**Sing praises! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother fire, so warm and bright,**  
**chase off the shadows of the night.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Dear mother earth, who day by day**  
**unfolds such blessings on our way,**  
**sing praises! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All who for love of God forgive,**  
**all who in pain or sorrow grieve,**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Christ bears your burdens and your fears;**  
**so, even in the midst of tears,**  
**sing praises! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O sisters, brothers, take your part,**  
**and worship God with humble heart.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**All creatures, bless the Father, Son,**  
**and Holy Spirit, Three in One!**  
**Sing praises! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*One: Let us pray:*

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, you reign in glory over all creation. Your power is the constancy of your love. Your rule is the reign of justice and righteousness. Forgive us, your people, for not trusting your love completely. Forgive us, your people, for not pursuing just practices that would never prejudice, exclude, or demean the other. Forgive us, your people, for not embodying your righteousness – doing what is right as your love and mercy require. Forgive us, turn us, change us, make us again worthy to call ourselves your own. In your reigning name we pray, Amen.**

*(Time for Silent Confession)*

## KYRIE ELEISON

#437

*Cantor: You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

**All: You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

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## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*“Glory Be to the Father”*

#581

**Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son,**

**And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen, amen.**

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**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*Sue Bradford*

**\*SONG**

*"Jesus Loves Me!" (vs.1)*

*#188*

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

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**ANTHEM**

*"A New Morning of Promise"  
Gabriel's Sounds*

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Buddy Bradford*

*Lord, open the eyes of our hearts by the power of your Spirit, that we may know the hope to which we have been called in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

*Buddy Bradford*

*For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the*

*inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.*

*Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.*

*I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN**

*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”*

#263

**All hail the power of Jesus' name!**

**Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!**

**Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!**

**Let every kindred, every tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!**

**O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all!**

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## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

*Matthew 25:31-46*

*“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me 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 nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just 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.”*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**                    “...when was it that we saw you...” *Rev. Dr. Bill Pederson*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**GIFTS OF TITHE AND OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**                    *“In Christ Alone”*  
*Sung by Sean Mann*

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**\*DOXOLOGY**    *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*                    #609

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**  
**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**                                                            *Buddy Bradford*

*One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*One: Let us pray:*

**All: Holy God, use us, and these gifts we offer, to feed the hungry, satisfy the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, heal the sick, visit the prisoner, and honor your presence in all people; through the reigning Lord Jesus Christ we make our prayer. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*“Crown Him With Many Crowns”*

#268

**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.**

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**\*CHARGE**

*One: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**All: Amen!**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel”*

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**BLESSING**

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

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*FOLLOWING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

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