

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened instead of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice.
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry glory to God all in all.

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COMMUNION HYMNS:

'Alleluia, Sing to Jesus' – (11)

'The King of Love my Shepherd Is' – (634)

'Faithful Shepherd Feed Me' – (138)



POST COMMUNION

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FINAL HYMN: 'Christ triumphant, ever reigning' – (92)

Christ the King

24th November 2024

GATHERING HYMN: 'O Worship the King' – (536)

COLLECT:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ
ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



FIRST READING

Daniel 7: 9-10 & 13-14

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

Revelation 1: 4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL HYMN— 'Our Lord, You Stood in Pilate's Hall'

Our Lord, you stood in Pilate's hall,
His judgment to endure.
Yet all he ruled would one day fall;
You reign forevermore!

You are our King and yet you said
It's not by sword or might;
Where truth is lived and love is spread,
Your reign comes into sight.

Where people live in deep despair,
Forgotten, hurt, alone,
We hear their urgent, whispered prayer:
"When will your reign be known?"

And where your Christian church today
Is mighty, rich and strong,
Lord, may we not forget your Way,
Nor lose your kingdom's song.

We sing verse 5 after the Gospel Reading

"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done"
Not just in heaven above;
May we on earth obey your Son,
Who reigns o'er all in love.

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GOSPEL

John 18: 33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'



This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE GIFTS: 'The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy'

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.