



NOVEMBER 26, 2023



# CHRIST THE KING

PROPER 29

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

## WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

Please complete the information card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the ushers.

## WE, THE PEOPLE OF HOLY COMFORTER

Though very diverse politically and socially, care for each other and care deeply for how our faith is manifested in the community. We believe all people are equal in God's hand. Our nurturing congregation has an appreciation for diverse perspectives and opinions. We grow through a continually evolving and questioning discussion regarding our faith, God, and society. We welcome all, without reservation, into our Christian body to be part of a loving and sharing family.

## WE CARE

Please call the church office at (336) 227-4251 if you or someone you know needs visitation, prayers or other assistance because of illness or inability to attend worship service.

## OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To worship God, revealed to us as Creator, as Jesus the Christ, and as the Holy Spirit, and experience God's presence within the church family, nurturing each other through a comprehensive parish program while affirming each other's individual ministries and responding to Jesus' continuing call to minister to others.

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY COMFORTER

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00am | Breakfast Ministry  
8:15am | HE Rite II Service  
9:30am | Bible Study / SDR  
9:45am | Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am | HE Rite II Service  
10:40am | Children's Chapel  
11:30am | Coffee in the Parlor

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00pm | Courage to Change

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00pm | Courage to Change

## COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY | COMMITMENT TO FAITHFULNESS

### NOV. 19 SERVICE COUNT

8:15AM **14** | 10:30AM **103** | REMOTE **23**

### WEEK OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19 GIVING

GENERAL FUND.....	<b>\$549.00</b>
PLEDGED .....	<b>\$5,689.68</b>
OTHER.....	<b>\$5,588.54</b>
TOTAL .....	<b>\$11,827.22</b>



# PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN | 494

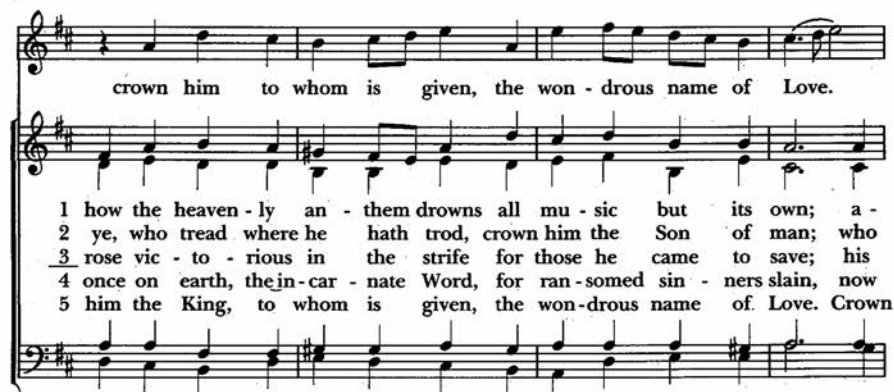
Crown him with many crowns

*Descant*



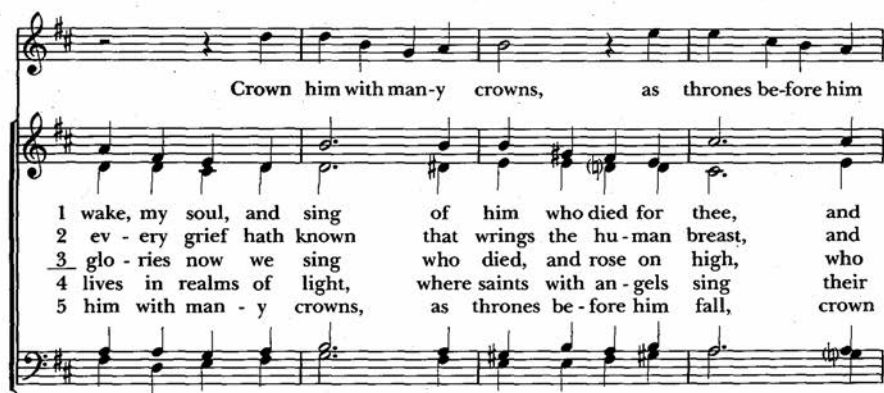
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; crown



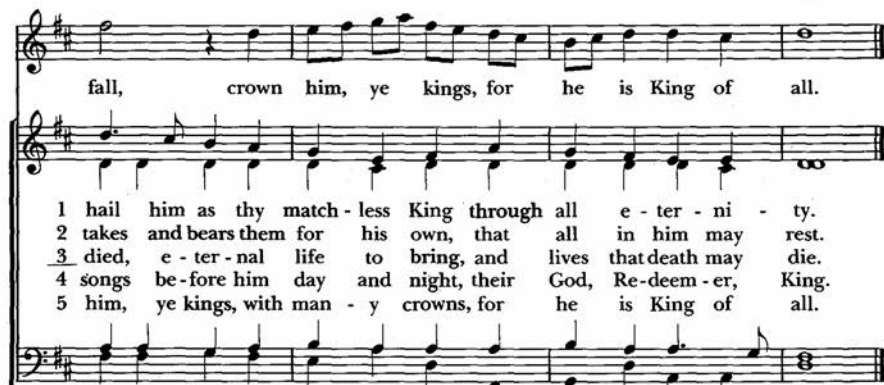
crown him to whom is given, the won - drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
5 him the King, to whom is given, the won - drous name of Love. Crown



Crown him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown



fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Officiant**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People**

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.***

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA | S-236

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

for the ra - diance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,

you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

**Officiant**  
**People**

The Lord be with you.  
**And Also with you.**

## **COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **All children are invited to follow the crucifer to Godly Play in the Children's Chapel.**

### **FIRST LESSON**

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

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.

**Reader**     The Word of the Lord.  
**People**     **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you | lands; \*  
serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before his presence with a | song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is | God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his | pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with | praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his | Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good;  
his mercy is ever- | lasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to | age.

**THE EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Reader  
People**

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN | 435

At the name of Jesus



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name  
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,  
\* 5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
\* 6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,  
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;  
5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord  
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;  
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,  
5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.  
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.  
6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

The Officiant reads the Gospel, first saying

**Gospeler** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**People** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

### THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, "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."

**Gospeler  
People**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*The Rev. Melanie Barbarito*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*BCP 358*

**Officiant and People**

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***



*The Reader and People pray responsively*

**Reader** Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

**Reader** Lord, in your mercy  
**People** ***Hear our prayer.***

**Reader** Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

**Reader** Lord, in your mercy  
**People** ***Hear our prayer.***

**Reader** Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

**Reader** Lord, in your mercy  
**People** ***Hear our prayer.***

**Reader** Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

**Reader** Lord, in your mercy  
**People** ***Hear our prayer.***

**Reader** Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

**Reader** Lord, in your mercy  
**People** ***Hear our prayer.***

**Reader** We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

**Reader** Lord, in your mercy  
**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*The celebrant may add a concluding collect before the following.*

### **A TRANSITION PRAYER FOR HOLY COMFORTER**

Ever-present God,  
You call us on a journey to a place we do not know.  
We are not where we started.  
We have not reached our destination.  
We are not sure where we are or who we are.  
Transition is not a comfortable place.  
May we continue to remind ourselves of the wonderful resources of this  
Church Sanctuary and a warm and welcoming congregation.  
Be among us, we pray.  
Calm our fears, save us from discouragement.  
Encourage us to care for one another.  
And help us to stay on course.  
Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey toward calling a new  
Rector continues as a journey of trust, and faith and love. **Amen**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **GENERAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*BCP 360*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### **Officiant and People**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in  
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have  
left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not  
loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly  
repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and  
forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to  
the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy  
Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

**Officiant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

Robert J. Powell

Hark, then thousand harps and voices  
Sound the note of praise above!  
Jesus reigns, and Heav'n rejoices,  
Jesus reigns, the God of love;  
See, He sits on yonder throne;  
Jesus rules the world alone.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Amen!

Jesus, hail! Whose glory brightens  
All above, and gives it worth;  
Lord of life, Thy smile enlightens,  
Cheers, and charms Thy saints on earth;  
When we think of love like Thine,  
Lord, we own it love divine,

King of glory, reign forever!  
Thine an everlasting crown.  
Nothing from Thy love shall sever  
Those whom Thou has made Thine own:  
Happy objects of Thy grace,  
Destined to behold Thy face.

Savior, hasten Thine appearing;  
Bring, O bring the glorious day,  
When, the awful summons bearing  
Heaven and earth shall pass away;  
Then with all the saints we'll sing,  
Glory, glory to our king!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Amen!

### DOXOLOGY | 380 V.3

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist Prayer A BCP 361

*The people remain standing.*

**Celebrant**  
**People**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Celebrant**  
**People**  
**Celebrant**  
**People**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **SANCTUS | S-130**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Officiant and People**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*BCP 364*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Officiant and People**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread.  
The choir will immediately sing the fraction anthem.

**FRACTION ANTHEM | S-164**

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Facing the people, the Officiant says the following Invitation.  
**The Gifts of God for you, who are also gifts of God.**

Persons wanting a blessing instead of receiving bread or wine at the Altar may cross their arms over their chest.

# COMMUNION HYMNS

## 382 | King of glory, King of peace

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;  
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;  
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

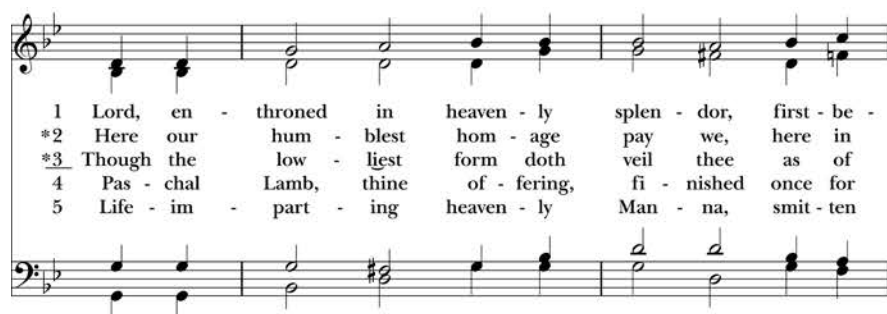
*Tenor or soprano ad libitum*

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

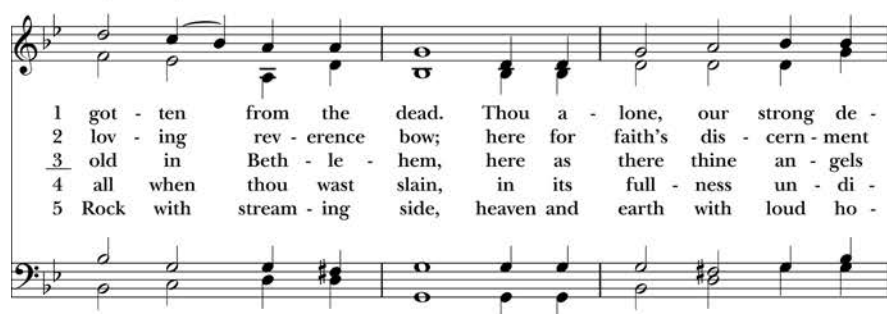
and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.  
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.  
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

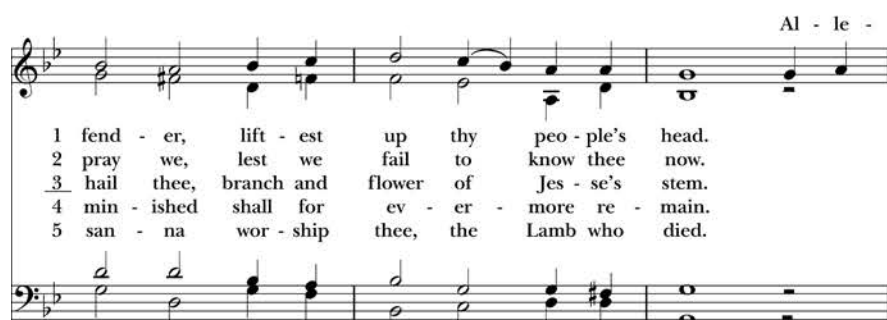
# 307 | Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor



1 Lord, en - throned in heav - en - ly splen - dor, first - be -  
 \*2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in  
 \*3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of  
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for  
 5 Life - im - part - ing heav - en - ly Man - na, smit - ten



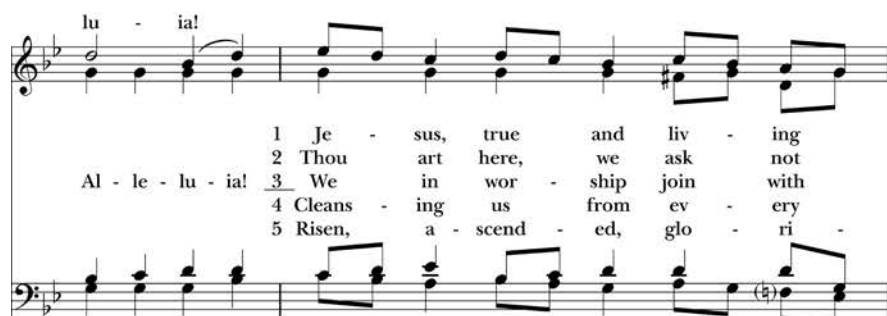
1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -  
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment  
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels  
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -  
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heav - en and earth with loud ho -



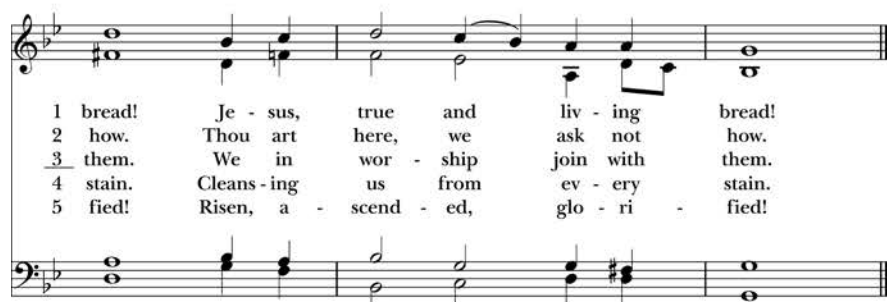
Al - le -  
 1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.  
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.  
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.  
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.  
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! 1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing  
 2 Thou art here, we ask not  
 3 We in wor - ship join with  
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery  
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -



1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.  
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.  
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.  
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!



## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

For those attending in person

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord, **Amen**

## PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those attending remotely

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL | 460

Alleluia, sing to Jesus


***(Recessional lyrics on next page)***

## DISMISSAL

**Officiant**  
**People**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



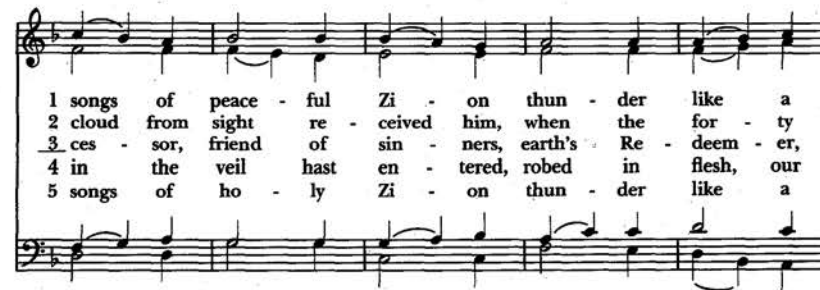
1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



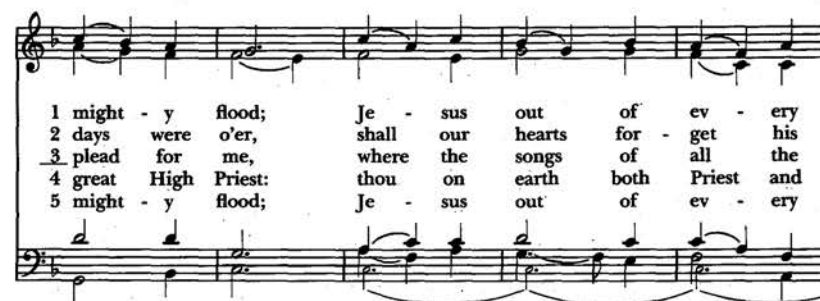
1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scep - ter his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



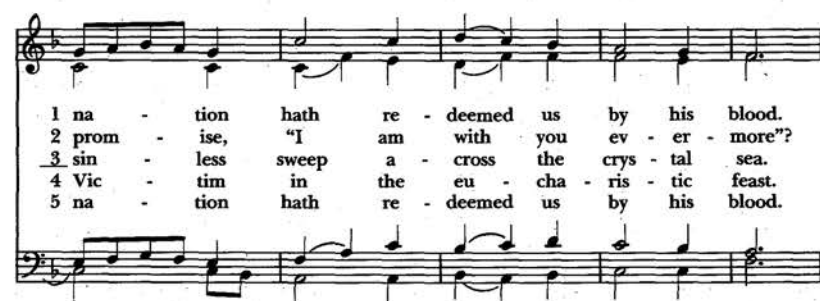
1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a



1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery



1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Patrick Rudd in thanksgiving to God and in memory of Charles Turner and Scott Turner.

## OFFICIANT

The Rev. Melanie Barbarito

## LAY MINISTERS

### VERGER

Steven Swanner

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Christin Baker

### USHERS

**8:15am** | Mark Thomas  
**10:30am** | Phil Savage, Micah Ash

### READERS

**8:15am** | Peter Dahl  
**10:30am** | Meredith Patterson, Martha Stewart

### ACOLYTES

**8:15am** | Peter Dahl  
**10:30am** | Meredith Patterson - Chalcist  
Sandra Wells - Crucifer  
Mourine Todd - Left Torch Bearer  
TBD - Right Torch Bearer  
Aurora Maresca - Gospel Bearer

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

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Shara Partin, Paula Boyd

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### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

**Ren Bryan**, Janet Brown, Verne Booker,  
Leslie Haines, Meredith Patterson

Today, many parishes within The Episcopal Church celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast day falls on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Sunday before the beginning of Advent. The feast is a relative newcomer to the liturgical calendar; it was first instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, when he wrote the encyclical *Quas Primas*. Here, he lays out the different understandings of kingship that Jesus Christ possesses.

Pius XI also explains how Christians ought to live as a result of Christ's kingship: "He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God." By the 1970s, the Feast of Christ the King had been more or less institutionalized throughout many Christian denominations and was fixed as occurring the last Sunday before Advent.



The lessons for this day support the understanding of Christ as sovereign. Jeremiah writes, "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land." The Song of Zechariah bridges the seasons beautifully as we hear the prophecy foretelling the ministry of St. John the Baptist, from whom we'll hear more very shortly. The Letter to the Colossians explains, "[The Father] has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." It is only in the Gospel reading that we see the most difficult aspect of Jesus' kingship: "The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'" We remember that Jesus' kingship is not distant and remote in some capital city thousands of miles away. His kingship is not detached nor aloof. No, he reigns for now in the very hearts of the faithful, freeing us and bringing us together under his most gracious rule.

**Collect for the Feast of Christ the King** - Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen (BCP 236).



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