

Reign of Christ

November 21st 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Psalm of Gratitude

Handbells, Jason W. Krug

INTROIT

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (vs. 1)

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Introit

Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship

from Revelation 1:4-5; Isaiah 6:3

One: Grace to you and peace from the one who is,
who was, and who is to come,

**All: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the
kings of the earth.**

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

All: The whole earth is full of God's glory.

Hymn 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns (all)

DIADEMATA

Call to Confession

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

from John 18:33-37

**Gracious and holy God,
we dare to call you Lord,
but we give you tiny snippets of our lives.**

**You had nowhere to lay your head;
we surround ourselves with comfort.**

**We only serve you with what remains
after we have indulged our desires.**

**Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,
and our selfish need to pick the times and ways
we will respond to your call.**

**In your abundant mercy,
teach us what it means to follow,
no matter the cost.**

In the name of Jesus Christ; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[Water is poured into the font.]

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting—it cannot be contained, and never runs out. God loves us, redeems us, and frees us; therefore be at peace. Hear and believe this good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Let us live as a people set free.

Response

*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.*

Listening to the Word

Prayer for Illumination of God's Word

Almighty God, fill us always with your Holy Spirit. Open our hearts to receive your word of truth, then set us free to follow in the power of Christ's love. **Amen.**

First Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹ As I was watching,

thrones were raised up.

The ancient one took his seat.

His clothes were white like snow;

his hair was like a lamb's wool.

His throne was made of flame;

its wheels were blazing fire.

¹⁰ A river of fire flowed out from his presence;

thousands upon thousands served him;

ten thousand times ten thousand stood ready to serve him!

The court sat in session; the scrolls were opened.

¹³ As I continued to watch this night vision of mine, I suddenly saw

one like a human being

coming with the heavenly clouds.

He came to the ancient one

and was presented before him.

¹⁴ Rule, glory, and kingship were given to him;

all peoples, nations, and languages will serve him.

His rule is an everlasting one—

it will never pass away!—
his kingship is indestructible.

Sharing Faith with the Younger Church

Anthem

Second Reading John 18:33-37

³³ Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?”

³⁵ Pilate responded, “I’m not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

³⁶ Jesus replied, “My kingdom doesn’t originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn’t have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn’t from here.”

³⁷ “So you are a king?” Pilate said.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice.”

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Hymn 725

O Jesus, I Have Promised (all)

ANGEL’S STORY

Affirmation of Faith

Church Creed

Sharing our Prayers

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Giving Back to God’s Kingdom

*God calls people from every tribe, language, and nation
to share in the everlasting kingdom.*

*We offer our gifts to extend God’s blessing to others,
that Christ’s name may be praised.*

The Doxology

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

Charge & Benediction

Blessing

648 *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* vs. *I* THANKFUL HEARTS

Postlude