



# Reign of Christ

November 21, 2021

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## Gathering

**PRELUDE**      *Crown Him with Many Crowns – Zach Unke*

**GREETING**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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

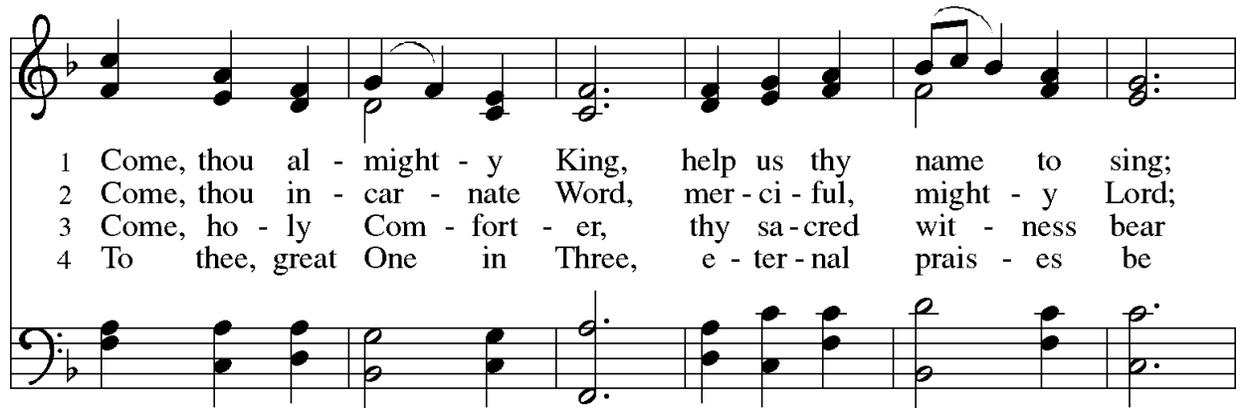
**And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The presiding minister shares announcements from the Trinity community.*

GATHERING SONG    *Come, Thou Almighty King (ELW 408)*

*At-home worshippers are invited to sing.*



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Word

**READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

*The assisting minister reads the lesson.*

A reading from Daniel.

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**READING: Revelation 1:4b-8**

*The assisting minister reads the lesson.*

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>4b</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*At-home worshippers are invited to sing.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: John 18:33-37**

*The presiding minister reads the gospel.*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup>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?” <sup>36</sup>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.” <sup>37</sup>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.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*The presiding minister delivers the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY *Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands (ACS 953)*

*At-home worshippers are invited to sing.*



1 Be - fore the An-cient One, Christ stands, en - robed in cloud and  
2 Who was, who is, and is to come as ser - vant lived in  
3 Now in the lat - ter days you call, O Christ, and plead the



bright as snow, five wounds im - print his side, feet, hands, and  
hu - man sphere; com - pas - sion was his di - a - dem; his  
prem - ise clear, that pow - er grasped is none at all, and



thorns, the gar - land on his brow. Yet thrones and  
glo - ry was the gen - tle tear; hu - mil - i -  
serv - ing shows your Spir - it near. As na - tions



pow'rs fall to the knee and weave a song of maj - es - ty,  
ty, his pur - ple garb; the heal - ing hand, his roy - al orb.  
clash and wis - dom wanes, as glo - ries tempt and greed sus - tains,



for what the world ad - mires as gain is not the es - sence  
Such love drew ire and ire drew death, but God has proved the  
you bid us choose in ev - 'ry hour the pow'r of love, the



of Christ's reign, and strength is his, and name and  
tru - er strength, and through all space the host pro -  
great - est pow'r, that love may her - ald God's do -



might, be - cause he pit - ied hu - mans' plight.  
claims the name a - bove all oth - er names.  
main, and you, at last, may come to reign.

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM: CONFIRMATION

### PRESENTATION

*Those making affirmation gather with the ministers at the font.*

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly with these or similar words.*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

*Those making affirmation are presented by a sponsor or another representative of the congregation:*

I present Reed Ricketts and Aidan Treusch, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

*The presiding minister may continue with prayer.*

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers,  
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.  
You have called them to yourself,  
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,  
and nourished them in the community of faith.  
Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,  
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.  
We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

#### **AFFIRMATION**

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.*

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each person responds:*

*I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*The blessing may be repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:*

Stir up in Reed/Aidan the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.*

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*The newly confirmed and the ministers return to their places.*

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The assisting minister leads the prayers.*

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. With the worldwide ecumenical community, today we pray especially for the churches of East Timor, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering. We pray especially for Susan, Paul, Ernie, Art, Joyce, Rick, Kim, Marg, Dan, Josiah, Bob, and those we name in the silence of our hearts. [a pause] Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you come to us in the waters of baptism and call us your own. Guide the newly confirmed, especially Reed and Aidan, that they may walk in your ways, proclaiming good news in word and deed.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

#### **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MUSIC**     *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* – Johann Gottfried Walther

# Meal

## DIALOGUE

*The presiding minister greets the assembly.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

## PREFACE

*The presiding minister continues.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*At-home worshippers are invited to sing.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*The presiding minister continues.*

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister introduces the Lord's Prayer.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

A feast of love is offered here  
for you and for all the saints.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*At-home worshippers are invited to consume their bread and wine.*

COMMUNION SONG      *What Feast of Love (ELW 487)*

*At-home worshippers are invited to sing.*



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus,  
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.  
Now send us forth to extend our tables  
and to share your gifts  
until that day when all feast together  
at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

## **Sending**

#### **BLESSING**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

God, the beginning and the end,  
who has written your name in the book of life,  
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace  
from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Led on by the saints before us,  
go in peace to serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**     *Masque – Denis Bédard*

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