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NOVEMBER 21, 2021 CHRIST THE KING

PRELUDE

Prelude

F.A. Keene (1871-?)

GATHERING SONG *vs. 1, 2, 6*

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



- 1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing; your
- 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise, send
- 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth pour
- 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.



Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

- 5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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GREETING

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.**

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

King of heaven and earth, as you cleansed Isaiah with a coal of fire to prepare him for proclaiming your word to the world, prepare us, so that we may know your bidding and carry out our callings with eagerness and urgency. Show the world greatness that cannot be contained any more than smoke or fire can be caught, in the name of the one who sacrificed everything to carry out your commands, Jesus Christ our sanctifier. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

Anne Vermillion

A reading from Isaiah.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

A reading from Revelation.

^{4b}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, ⁵and 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, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! 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.

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

³⁵Pilate 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?” ³⁶Jesus 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.” ³⁷Pilate 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.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Pastor JMe Lowden

SERMON

Pastor JMe Lowden

CREED

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

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. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 especially Pauline, Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Rodney, Yvonne, Marcie, Ruby and others we name before you now. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Other petitions may be offered now.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

O Worship the King

Trinity Chimes

Michael Haydn arr. Frances Callahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Send Me, Lord: Thuma mina

Soloist will sing v. 1, then a duet will sing v. 1, then congregation will sing vs 1,2,3

Leader All

Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma
 Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,
 (2) Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,
 (3) Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

Repeat ad lib. End

2 Lead me, Lord.
 3 Fill me, Lord.

mi - na, So - man - dla.
 Je - sus, send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,
 Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,
 Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

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 Music: THUMA MINA, South African traditional
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fuge

Johann Kindermann (1616-1655)

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TRENDING @ TRINITY

Pastor JMe and Brenda will both be out of the office tomorrow, November 22. The office will be closed on Thursday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

There are extra poinsettia order forms in the Narthex. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to help adorn the sanctuary for the holidays.

Also in the Narthex are copies of a special Advent devotional book, please pick up a copy this morning and use it all season long. There are also some Advent calendars available.


Your Congregation Council is still looking for one more person to serve beginning in 2022. Council meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM. Meetings generally last about an hour. Term length is 3 years. If you would be willing to serve Trinity in this way, please speak to Jerry Rogers, Darla Wolf or Mike Pyne. Council members will be elected on December 12 at the Annual Congregation meeting.

Trinity will resume weekly Holy Communion beginning next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent.

Next Sunday Pastor begins a new study at 2PM on Sundays. It is entitled “Christmas: The Real Story” by Harry N. Wendt. All are welcome.

Each week of Advent there will be a Wednesday evening Holden Evening Prayer service at 7PM. This beautiful, quiet service of about a half hour will be a spot of peace and calm in what can be a hectic season. Please plan to attend.

The Angel Tree is in the Narthex. Take as many snowmen as you wish, making certain you sign each one out on the form in the Narthex. Return the wrapped gift(s) with the snowman’s number clearly marked on *all* gifts. If you prefer, there is a sign-up list going out via email soon.

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