



Christ the King
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Service of Worship
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Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Eternal God: in Jesus Christ you judge the nations. Give us a heart to love the loveless, the lonely, the hungry, and the hurt, without pride or a calculating spirit, so that at last we may bow before you, and be welcomed into joy; through Jesus Christ, King of ages and Lord of all creation. Amen.

Introit Hymn #320

“The Lone Wild Bird” *Prospect*

Call to Worship (adapted from Luke 1:68-79)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel who has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

God has raised up a mighty savior from the house of David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Hymn #151

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” *Diademata*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God: As we assemble here in your name we know ourselves to be distracted and fragmented people. Some of us carry the guilt and shame of personal sin. Some of us are depressed by our contact with this fallen world. Some of us are oppressed by the slanders of the evil one. We ask that you search every heart here and forgive, encourage, strengthen, and renew each of us according to our needs. Lord, make us whole, before you, within ourselves, and among this company. Prepare us to carry out your great calling. Amen.

Kyrie



(a period of silence is kept)

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Friends, never forget the promise of the gospel.

Because of Jesus Christ, we are worthy to be called the daughters and sons of God.

Gloria



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost: As it was at the be - gin - ning, is
now and ev - er shall be, wor - ld with - out end. A - men.

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

O God, tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do to be proper disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hebrew Bible Reading II Samuel 23:1-7

Gospel Reading John 18:33-37

Sermon "Power"

Hymn #229

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies" *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Affirmation of Faith (Insert)

Give Thanks to God

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Doxology *Old Hundredth*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Gracious God, whose creative energy has filled all heaven and earth with good things for us to enjoy and share, we would honor you with our offerings. May the programs we initiate and the outreach we support bear fruits of justice and peace. Amen.

Go in God's Name

Hymn #155

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” *Darwall's 148th*

Charge and Benediction

Response (Gaelic Blessing)

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be al-ways at your
back, May the sun shine warm up-on your face, The rain fall soft up-on your
fields, And un-til we meet a - gain, May God hold you, may God
holdyou, hold you in the hol-low, hold you in the hoHow of God's
hand. A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.
A - men, A - men.

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Postlude

A Brief Statement of Faith (Part Three)

Leader: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

People: We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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