

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: the Reign of Christ

November 22, 2020

A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.

Prelude: *Haydn Trumpet Concerto (Hob VIIe), 2nd movement*

Welcome

Opening Hymn #380 *O Worship the King (vs. 1, 6)*

1 O worship the King, all glorious above; O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love, while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Opening Responses

Celebrant: The kingdom of God is at hand;

All: O Come, Let us Worship.

Celebrant: Lord, open our lips

All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Celebrant: O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Celebrant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

Psalm 100

Refrain We are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name. **Refrain**

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age. **Refrain**

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

For 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.

Psalm 95

Steven Warner

Refrain Let not your hearts be hardened, if today you hear God's voice, if today you hear God's voice.

- 1 Come, ring out your joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us,
Let us come before him giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **Refrain**
- 2 Come let us bow and bend low; kneeling before our Creator.
For the Lord is our God, we his people, the flock that is led by his hand. **Refrain**
- 3 Oh, that today you would hearken! Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert, when your ancestors tested me. **Refrain.**
- 4 Praise to the Source of our being, praise to the Son, our Redeemer,
to the Advocate dwelling within us, both now and forevermore. **Refrain**

Reading: 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.

Stand or sit for the Gospel reading, as seems appropriate for your setting.

Gradual Hymn # 321 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs. 1)*

- 1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew (Matthew 25:31-46)

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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."

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

Gradual Hymn # 321 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs. 6)*

O that, with heaven's sacred throng, we at his feet may fall,
lift high the universal song, and crown him Lord of all;
lift high the universal song, and crown him Lord of all.

Sermon

The Reverend Canon Susan Oliver

Solo Reflection: When I Needed a Neighbor, Were You There?

The Apostle's Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Sung Response to prayers: "Your will be done on earth, O Lord"

Dear friends in Christ, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

All: 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 neighbours 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: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

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

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour 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 for ever. Amen.**

Your Will Be Done on Earth, O Lord

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Blessing

Go out into the world in peace.

Have courage.

Hold onto what is good.

Return no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the faint-hearted.

Support the weak.

Help the suffering.

Honor all persons.

Honor all creation.

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And may the love of God, the Light of Christ,

and the power and communion of that Spirit

be with us all.

Go in peace. **Amen**

Closing Hymn: *Soon and Very Soon*

1 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King

Refrain Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are going to see the King!

2 No more cryin' there, we are going to see the King. **Refrain**

3 No more dyin' there, we are going to see the King. **Refrain**

4 Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King. **Refrain**

Postlude: *Haydn Trumpet Concerto (Hob VIIe), 1st movement*

If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now.

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