



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



*Sunday, November 24, 2024*

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***Virtual Worship***

# SUNDAY VIRTUAL WORSHIP

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### GREETING and WELCOME

**PRELUDE**                      *"What Offering Shall I Bring to My God and King?"*  
Moravian Hymn                      arr. Robert Elmore

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega,  
the one who is, who was, and is to come.

**We come to worship the one who rules justly.**

One: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth!

**Bread of Heaven, God with us!**

One: Good Shepherd, True Vine!

**Eternal Word, Great I AM.**

One: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

**We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords!**

**To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.**

**HYMN 478**                      *"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

### PRAYER of CONFESSION: (in unison)

Merciful God, we watch the news and feel helpless - so much violence and greed - so much pain and abuse - so many people whose lives are without any meaning or hope. Forgive us our apathy and our fear, and help us to be bearers of light and love, justice and hope, to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. The days are surely coming, says the Lord... "This is the King of the Jews." (Luke 23:33,34,38) Help us never to forget the depth of love that took Jesus to the cross. And how, even on the cross, he exercised merciful love in forgiving those who put him there. May we reveal such love in all our words and actions. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*(Time for silent, personal confession)*

**RESPONSE**                      *"Lord Have Mercy upon Us"*

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

### ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell and through him, all things, whether on earth or in heaven, are reconciled to God. (based on Colossians 1:19,20) Hear then the great good news that in Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

### CHORAL ANTHEM

*“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

Joseph Clokey

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Colossians 1:11-20 and Luke 23:33-43

### SERMON

*“The Power of Consistent Love”*

The Rev. Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

### AFFIRMATION of FAITH (In unison, from *The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*)

**Lord, make us an instrument of your peace:**

**where there is hatred, let us sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek**

**to be consoled as to console,**

**to be understood as to understand,**

**to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive,**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

### INVITATION to OFFERING

(Those joining us online may use our online giving platform at [hocpc.org/give](http://hocpc.org/give))

### OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY** *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER of DEDICATION** (in unison)

**Eternal God, we offer to you these gifts and our lives. May Christ the King rule in our hearts and lives so that we are powerful witnesses to the truth of your kingdom of love, justice, mercy and peace. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 172**

*“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”*

### PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

**CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*“March”*

Franz Schubert



**Colossians 1:11-20**

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**Luke 23:33-43**

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[<sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”