

† HOME SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER †
Christ the King
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PRELUDE

Diademata

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INVOCATION and CONFESSION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT (*from Psalm 95*)

P The Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

C In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.

P The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

C Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

P for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

C Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above,
crown Him the king to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;
crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is king of all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty and everlasting God, it is Your will to restore all things to Your beloved Son, whom You anointed priest forever and King of all creation. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I 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, ¹⁸so 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God 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, ²¹far 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. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

P Alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said to his disciples:] ³¹“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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then 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; ³⁵for 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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And 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.’

⁴¹Then 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; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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.’ ⁴⁴Then 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?’ ⁴⁵Then 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.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

THE NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Waiting for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

P Sovereign God, train our ears to hear Your voice in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church, through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Bring peace to every place where conflict rages, especially where they exist in our own nation and among friends and family. Lead us to seek an end to division, and usher in Your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Pour out the gifts of Your Spirit on our children and youth. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. We pray especially for Concordia College and The Chapel School. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Loving Shepherd, You feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and tend to the sick. We give thanks for all caregivers and those whose generous spirits serve as Your helping hands. Use us to help each other during these difficult days and send aid and comfort to all who are in distress. We pray especially for all on our prayer line and those we remember before You now...(PAUSE). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P King of glory, we thank You for the inspiration of those who served You by serving others, and have now received their inheritance. Comfort those who mourn with the sure promise of the heavenly kingdom prepared for all who love You. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, and keep us in Your faith and favor until that day when You gather all creation around Your throne.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

CLOSING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.

Hail, Him, ye heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, man divine, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball
to Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and
be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "Coronation"

Richard Heschke

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Special thanks to our additional participant in today's service:

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