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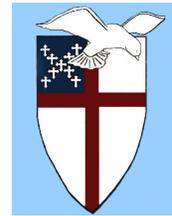
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**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

**Sunday, November 21, 2021**

**8:00 am & 10:30 am**



**Acclamation**

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

**Opening Hymn**

*The king of love*

**1982 Hymnal - 645**

**Opening Prayer**

**BCP - 355**

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

**First Lesson**

*Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

**The Psalm**

*Psalm 9*

- 1 The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure \*  
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*  
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,\* mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

**The Epistle**

*Revelation 1:4b-8*

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, and 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, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! 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. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**The Gospel**

*John 18:33-37*

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

**Nicene Creed**

**BCP - 358**

**Prayers of the People**

**BCP - 392, Form 6**

**Leader:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

**People:** For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

**Leader:** For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People:** For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

**Leader:** For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People:** For victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

**Leader:** For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People:** For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

**Leader:** For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Eugene and Robert, our bishops; for all clergy and laity;

**People:** For all who serve God in his Church.

**Leader:** For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for all those effected by the Coronavirus and for those working for racial justice. And also those for whom we offer our prayers, aloud or silently \_\_\_\_\_. (Silence)

Hear us, Lord;

**People:** For your mercy is great.

**Leader:** We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, we offer our prayers aloud or silently \_\_\_\_\_. (Silence)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People:** And praise your Name for ever and ever.

**Leader:** We pray for all who have died, remembering especially\_\_\_\_\_, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (Silence)

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them; **People:** Who put their trust in you.

**Celebrant:** O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**Confession & Absolution & The Peace**

**BCP - 360**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A Book of Common Prayer - Page 361*

#### **Presentation Hymn**

Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your grace.  
God help us be a meeting ground where hope and healing can be found.  
God, let us be a bridge of care connecting people everywhere.  
Help us confront all fear and hate and lust for pow'r that separate.  
When chasms widen, storms arise, O Holy Spirit, make us wise.  
Let our resolve, like steel, be strong to stand with those who suffer wrong.  
God, let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread,  
Where all find welcome, grace attends, and enemies arise as friends.

#### **Communion Hymn**

*Spirit, be our Spirit* (The Monks of Weston Priory)

**V. 1:** Spirit, be our spirit, in this time of searching for new life.

Open inner spaces with the fullness of your love

**Refrain:** Spirit let us now be and forever transformed for all humanity.

**V. 2:** Movement of your presence heals and deepens our hope to freely live.

Gift of heart where truth springs from the goodness that you've sown.

**V.3:** Into desert silence, there to listen and be with open heart,  
you shall lead us thirsting; and we turn from our fears: forgiving love.  
**V.4:** Spirit be our spirit in this time of searching for new life.  
Open inner spaces with the fullness of your love.

**Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer for Peace**

O God, the Father of all, guide us into the ways of peace. Lead us from prejudice to truth; deliver us from hatred, cruelty, violence, and mean spiritedness; fill us with generosity, hospitality and love, and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

**Announcements**

**CELEBRATE DECEMBER!**

- ~To Tea on December 5
- ~To a Housewarming Party on December 12
- ~To the Christmas Pageant on December 19
- ~To Christmas Eve on December 24
- ~To the First Sunday after Christmas on December 26



**RAFFLE: AN AUSTRIAN FINE CHINA TEA SET FOR 12!**

All proceeds will be used for Parish Hall furnishings. Tickets are \$10 or 6 for \$50

**A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FROM THE VESTRY**

**Closing Hymn**  
**Final Blessing.**

*Soon and very soon*

**LEVAS Hymnal - 14**

**All:** Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one, evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Celebrant:** And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon us, and remain with us, now and forever. Amen.

**Dismissal** **Celebrant:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.