



WELCOME TO THIS
WORSHIP
CELEBRATION of the
living Christ's presence
in our midst. Christ
comes to us with new
life and strength for
Christian living in
daily life through the
hearing of the Word,
preaching, prayer,
song, and community.

*As the Confession and
Forgiveness begins, all
may make the sign of
the cross, the sign that
is marked at baptism.*

*Congregational
responses are in bold*

** Asterisks
throughout the
order of worship
indicate the people
standing, in body
and/or in spirit.*

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Derr, Reader

PRELUDE "Give Thanks"

arr. Geschke

Skidaway Voices in Bronze

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**People: we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

**We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot
rest.**

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.
Amen**

Leader: These words are trustworthy and true:
 Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
 swallowing up death forever.
 For his sake, you are ✠ forgiven
 and God remembers your sin no more.
 Let your heart be glad again,
 and rejoice in your salvation.

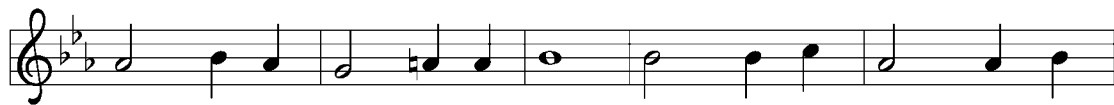
People: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG “Blessing and Honor”**

Hymn 854



1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the



rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our
 earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,
 scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and
 robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the



bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
 for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his
 glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we
 Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to



throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!
 pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
 raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.

Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

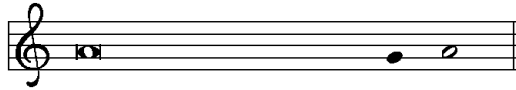
"Kyrie" is a Greek word meaning "Lord." In Christian liturgy, particularly in Kyrie Eleison, it's used as a plea for God's mercy. The full phrase, "Kyrie eleison," translates to "Lord, have mercy," and has a common element in various Christian worship services since the 4th century.

*GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



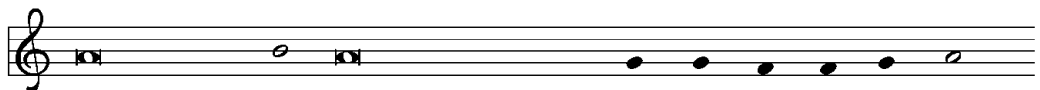
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hakes

Chancel Choir with Claire Sampson-Fields, descant

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nations, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish. Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Fair are the meadows. Fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of
spring.*

*Jesus is fairer. Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
Fair is the sunshine. Fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host.
Jesus shines brighter. Jesus shines purer than all the angels, heaven can boast.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations. Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise adoration, now and forever more be Thine!*

Amen.

WORD

Steve Derr, Reader

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Old Testament 684

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their “flock,” to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

*The reading of
Scripture is when God
makes known his will:
God desires mercy and
salvation.*

*Ultimately, this word
points us to the Word,
the incarnate Son of
God.*

*Through Christ —
God's only Son — are
we able to know the
Father's favor and
grace.*

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

I will be exalted among the nations. (Ps. 46:10)

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields
with fire.

¹⁰ **"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

New Testament 176

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

¹¹ 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 ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43**

New Testament 77

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ 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!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

SERMON

Reverend Jason Talsness

ALTAR FLOWERS

*today are given by
Betty & Ken Mitchell
"in memory of our
loved ones" and by
Tom Thomas "in
loving memory of
Kathy."*

THE ETERNAL CANDLE for

*November is given by
**Katharine & John
Marshall** "in
thankfulness for the
people of Messiah."*

***HYMN OF THE DAY “Rejoice, for Christ the King!”**

Hymn 430



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

(In between the petitions of the prayers, the following response is offered.)

Leader: Hear us, O God,

People: **Your mercy is great.**

(Final petition and response.)

Leader: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in
your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our
Lord.

People: **Amen.**

That Christ visited the dead after his crucifixion is based on I Peter 4:6 "For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does."

In the Apostles' Creed, the phrase "holy catholic Church" refers to the universal Christian church, not exclusively the Roman Catholic Church. It signifies the belief in a single, unified body of believers across time and space, united by their shared faith in Christ.

***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 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.

SENDING

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

***SENDING SONG** “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Hymn 855

Verses 1-4



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE** “Postlude on *Diademata*”

Shirley Newhart, organ

arr. Young

PERMISSIONS

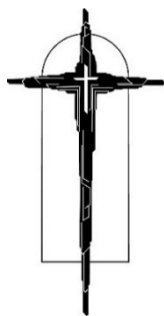
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 23	9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:10 am Annual Congregational Meeting
Monday, November 24	10:00 am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm Shirley & Friends
Tuesday, November 25	
Wednesday, November 26	8:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00 am PLARning Group
Thursday, November 27	THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, November 28	
Saturday, November 29	

Italics indicate outside group



THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Ministers	The People of Messiah
Pastor	Jason Talsness
Pastor, Congregational Care	Karen Scheib
Pastor Emeritus	James Peper
Presiding Bishop ELCA	Yehiel Curry
Bishop, SE Synod ELCA	Kevin Strickland
Director of Music & Organist	Shirley Newhart
Choral Director	Rodney Powers
Altar Guild	Cheryl Liebgott and Layne Rabold
Reader	Steve Derr
Evangelism Greeters	Jim Dawson and David Greenawalt
Ushers	Parker Pearson and Greg Stinson
Acolytes	Confirmation Class
Audio Visual	Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan
Coffee Hour	Pam Allen (Host) and Amanda Ridberg (Treats)

MILESTONES THIS WEEK

Birthdays: Corinne Samuels 11/24

Anniversaries : Yvonne Johnson & Lizhou-Liu 11/23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 31st Annual Congregational meeting will be held today following worship in Peper Hall. Copies of the Annual Report and one other background document are available on the Narthex Table and have been distributed electronically to the membership.

SAVE THE DATE

The holidays will soon be here, so mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- Decorating the Church will be Saturday, December 6. The Men's Group will begin work on the Sanctuary tree at 8:30 am and stay tuned for plans for the rest of the Church.
- The annual Christmas Party is Sunday, December 7 at 5 pm in Peper Hall. Messiah will provide ham and wine, and revelers are asked to contribute their favorite holiday dish. Sign up on the Narthex Kiosk.
- The Ladies Christmas Dinner will be Thursday, December 11, at 5:00 pm at the 5 Spot in Sandfly. Sign up on the Narthex Kiosk.
- Advent begins on Sunday, November 30, with midweek supper and worship at 5:30 pm on December 3, 10, and 17.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia

The food for November is canned vegetables.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The collection for Thanksgiving baskets to benefit Learning Academy families raised \$1,070. Thank you to all who donated so generously to this effort. Our consistent support of the Learning Academy is gratefully acknowledged by all of their teachers, administrators, staff and families.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Deadline: Monday, December 15

Christmas is coming, and soon Messiah's Sanctuary will be brimming with poinsettias. We invite you to give a Christmas poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. The dedications will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. The cost is \$14 per plant. To order, please pick up an envelope in the Sanctuary, Narthex, or Church Office. Then fill in the form, enclose your check, and return it to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate by Monday, December 15.

SERMON PREVIEW

This Sunday we observe "Christ the King" Sunday. Jesus goes by many names, and many are royal titles, such the Prince of Peace and King of Kings. The gospel reading for Sunday is a bit surprising, since we do not have a reading about palaces, majestic robes or jeweled crowns. Instead, Christ the King is nailed to the cross beside two common thieves. This is no ordinary king, but one who gives up his very life for his subjects. Questions for Reflection: What leaders have you admired that made self-sacrifices? What ways do you show that He is your king? One thief says to Jesus "Remember me when you come into your kingdom." What do you think motivated him to say this?

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