

# Christ the King

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## Order of Service

~ *Gathering* ~

† Welcome

\*† Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection, and self-examination.)*

P: Holy God,

**C: You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be

the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**C: Amen**

**\*† Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" LBW 328**

*1 All hail the pow'r 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.*

*2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,  
Who from his altar call;  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown him Lord of all.*

*3 O seed of Israel's chosen race  
Now ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
And crown him Lord of all.*

**\*† Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**\*† Kyrie**

A: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*A: 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.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy,**

*A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C: Amen**

### **\*† Hymn of Praise**

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

*Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

*Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.*

*Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

### **\*† Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth,**

\*Congregation Standing  
**Bold Font:** Congregation Response

**now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

*~God's Word~*

**† First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>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.

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† **Psalm: Psalm 93; refrain Psalm 93:2**

*Refrain: Ever since the world began, your throne has been established.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and <sup>1</sup> armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- <sup>1</sup> not be moved.

<sup>2</sup>**Ever since the world began, your throne has <sup>1</sup> been established; you are from <sup>1</sup> everlasting. R**

<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted <sup>1</sup> up their voice; the waters have lifted up their <sup>1</sup> pounding waves.

<sup>4</sup>**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers <sup>1</sup> of the sea, mightier is the LORD who <sup>1</sup> dwells on high.**

<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are <sup>1</sup> very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- <sup>1</sup> evermore. **R**

† **Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8**

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

<sup>4b</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **\*† Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter

*C: Glory to you, Glory to you, Glory to you, O Lord*

## **Holy Gospel: John 18:33-37**

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>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?" <sup>36</sup>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." <sup>37</sup>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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

*C: Praise be to you, Praise be to you, Praise be to you, O Christ*

## **† Children's Sermon: Vicar Dianne Lewis**

*Children's Prayer*

**God in heaven, hear my prayer.**

**Keep me in your loving care.**

**Be my guide in all I do.**

**Bless all those who love me too.**

## **† Choir Anthem: "King of Kings"**

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† Sermon: Vicar Dianne Lewis

† Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" TFBF 254

*1 Savior like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.*

*2 We are yours; in love befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.*

*3 You have promised to receive us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.*

*4 Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,*

*you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.*

*~ Prayer ~*

**\*† Apostles' Creed**

**C: 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 into hell.**

**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.**

## \*† Prayers of the People

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community (*local social ministries or agencies may be named*). Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**\*† Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

**\*† Offering Canticle**

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,*

*and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.*

*Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,*

*that we may be fed with the bread of life.*

*Gather the hopes and dreams of all;*

*unite them with the prayers we offer.*

*Grace our table with your presence.*

*Give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

**\*† Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.**

**Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*~ Meal ~*

**\*† The Great Thanksgiving**

P: *The Lord be with you.*

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*C: And also with you.*

*P: Lift up your hearts.*

*C: We lift them to the Lord.*

*A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

*C: Holy, holy, holy Lord.*

*Lord, God of power and might.*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

**\*† Words of Institution**

**\*† 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**

**† Holy Communion**

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

**† Communion Hymn: "He is Lord" TFBF 95**

*He is Lord, he is Lord,  
he is risen from the dead  
and he is Lord;  
ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

*He is Lord, he is Lord,  
he is risen from the dead  
and he is Lord;  
ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

**\*† Post Communion Blessing**

*(After all have returned to their places:)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

**\*† Post Communion Canticle**

*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people. A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory 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.*

**\*† Post Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

**C: Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. Amen.**

**\*† Benediction**

**† Welcome, Acknowledgment of Visitors, and Announcements**

**\*† Hymn: "Soon and Very Soon" TFBF 38**

*Soon and very soon,  
We are going to see the King,  
Soon and very soon,  
We are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon,  
We are going to see the King,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
We are going to see the King.*

*No more crying there,*

*We are going to see the King,  
No more crying there,  
We are going to see the King.  
No more crying there,  
We are going to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
We are going to see the King.*

*Hallelujah.....  
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ah.*

*No more dying there,  
We are going to see the King,  
No more dying there,  
We are going to see the King.  
No more dying there,  
We are going to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
We are going to see the King.*

**\*† Dismissal**

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## Announcements

- ◆ Trinity's **Weekly Bible Study** meets every Thursday at 10AM. Sessions will resume in January 2022
- ◆ Trinity's **Adult Sunday School** meets every first and third Sunday at 9:45 AM. Next session will be Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Trinity's **Food Pantry** is offered the second and fourth Friday of the month. We will host a "**Thanksgiving Tuesday Food Pantry**" on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2 PM – 3 PM. Next upcoming date: Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** meets monthly. Next meeting will be Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Trinity's **Church Council Meeting** will be Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.
- ◆ You may pay your Tithes & Offerings online at <http://www.trinityjerseycity.com>
- ◆ For pastoral care call Vicar Dianne Lewis at 201.435.9807

~ Psalm 130 ~

*"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits...put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption."*

