



# Christ the King

Sunday, November 20, 2022

10:15 AM

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## PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*(People stand)*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# GLORIA – S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**  
*Presider*      Let us pray.

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.**

*(people sit)*

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23.1-6

*Lector*          A Reading from Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. 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. 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. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

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. 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."

*Lector*          The Word of the Lord.  
*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;  
Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.  
The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.  
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.  
The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.  
It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.  
"Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth."  
The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## SECOND READING

Colossians 1.11-20

*Lector*            A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 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. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 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. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 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.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*(people stand)*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

"The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns"

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*(Congregation sings v. 1, the Gospel is read, then v. 2 is sung)*

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23.33-43

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

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

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*(People are seated)*

## SERMON

The Rev. Michael K. Fincher

**NICENE CREED** *(Please stand)*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the  $\text{X}$  resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sisters and brothers, God has raised up for us a righteous king: Jesus our Christ. Let us lift our prayers to him, saying, "We praise you, Christ the King; you have come to your people and set us free!"

King Jesus, remember your body, the Church. You have rescued us from the power of darkness and have transferred us into your kingdom. Make us strong with all the strength that comes from your glorious power.

We praise you, Christ the King;

**You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, remember this nation. Guide our feet into the way of peace. Raise up leaders who govern their people wisely and justly.

We praise you, Christ the King;

**You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, all things in heaven and earth are created through you and for you. May we who care for your creation do so with all due respect.

We praise you, Christ the King;

**You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, remember this region in which we live and work and worship. Drive far from us all fear and dismay. Recue the missing; find the lost. May all of your children live in safety.

We praise you, Christ the King;

**You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, you know intimately the experience of pain and suffering in your own body. May all those suffering know that you are with them in their pain. We pray especially for those we mention now, silently, aloud, and in the comment section.

*(Pause)*

We praise you, Christ the King;

**You have come to your people and set us free!**

King Jesus, accept those who have died into your kingdom. Give all the departed peace through the blood of your cross and, in the fullness of time, raise them to newness of life. We pray for those who have died. We pray especially for those we mention now, silently, aloud, and in the comment section.

*(Pause)*

We praise you, Christ the King;

**You have come to your people and set us free!**

*Presider*      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 for ever. **Amen**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Risen Lord.)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL BLESSINGS

***Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:*** Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

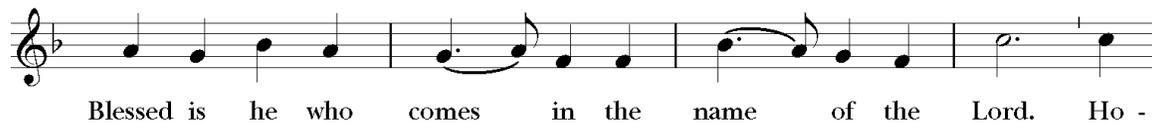
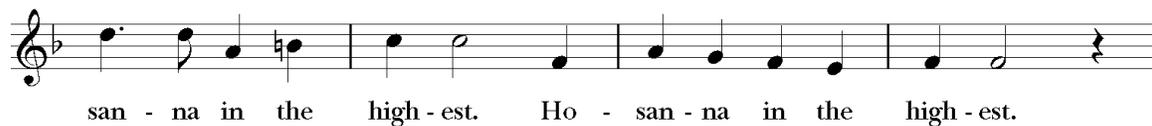
**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

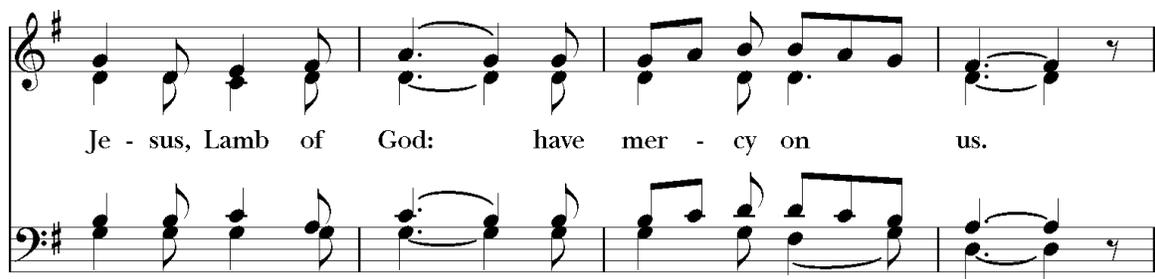
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*(A period of silence is kept after the Presider breaks the host)*

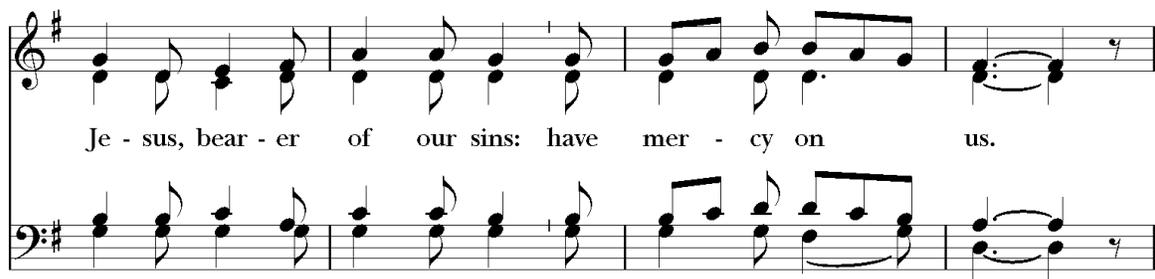
Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

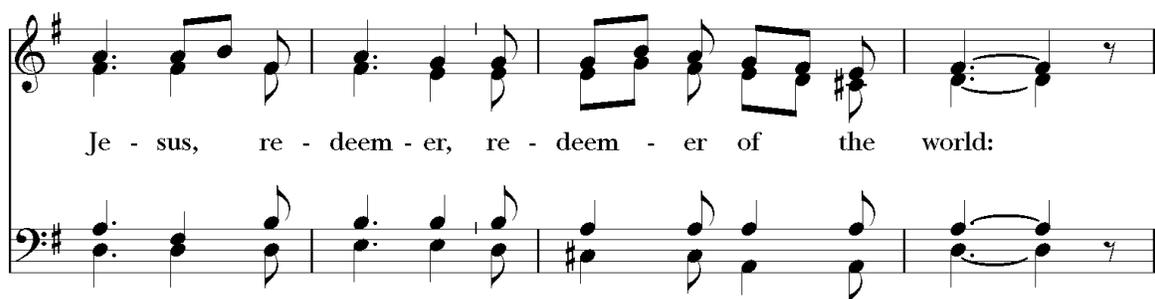
## FRACTION ANTHEM – S164



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

*The Presider says the following invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this Altar. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Holy Communion will be distributed from a single Communion Station at the foot of the chancel steps. The Wine will be offered in individual serving cups. The Ushers will release people by row to receive Communion.*

## **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*Those who are participating in the live streamed service and therefore not able to receive communion may wish to say the following prayer in recognition that the desire to receive communion carries the same spiritual benefits of actually consuming the consecrated elements.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: “This is my body; this is my blood — given for you.” Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

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## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ’s body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Toccata on "Hyfrydol"

*arr. Pretzer*

*If you wish to leave during the Postlude, please do so quietly,  
out of respect for the Organist and out of courtesy for those staying to listen.*

**FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**Please join us in Francis Hall for refreshments and fellowship  
following the worship service**

(Francis Hall is out the main church doors and to the left)

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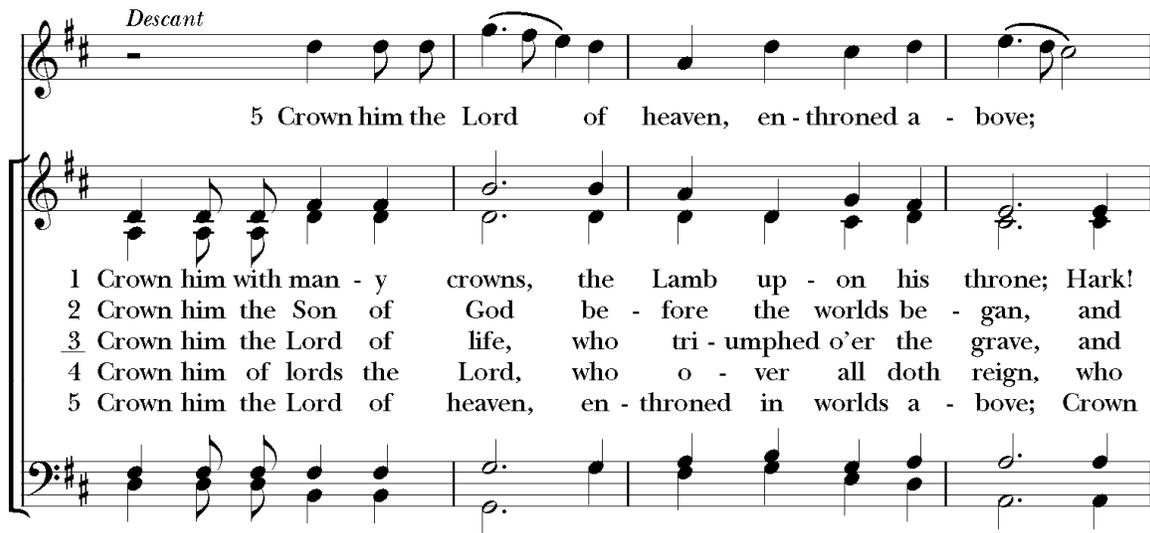
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN  
Hymnal 1982, Hymn 494

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

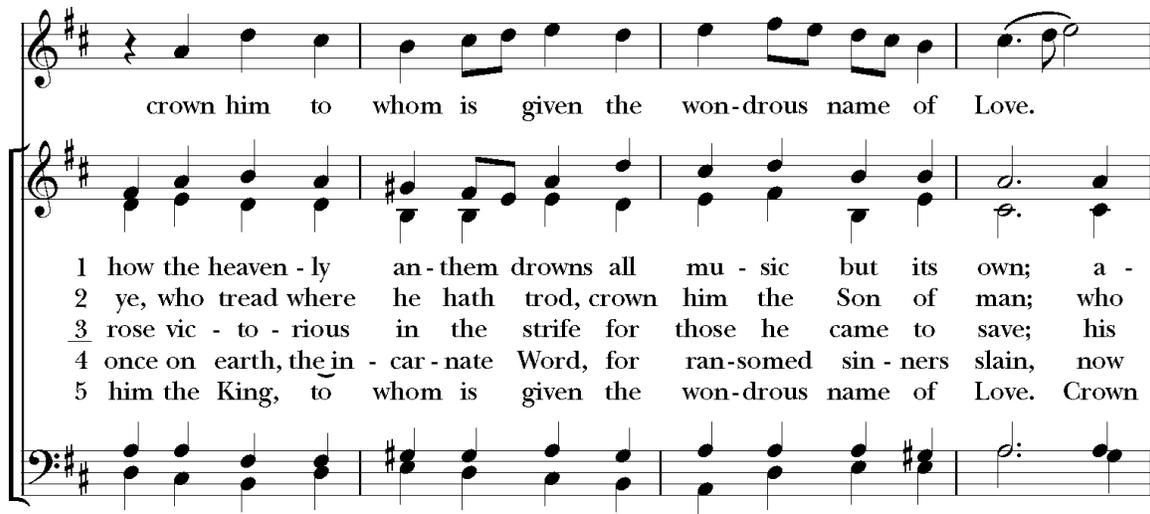
Diademata

*Descant*



5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown



crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now  
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

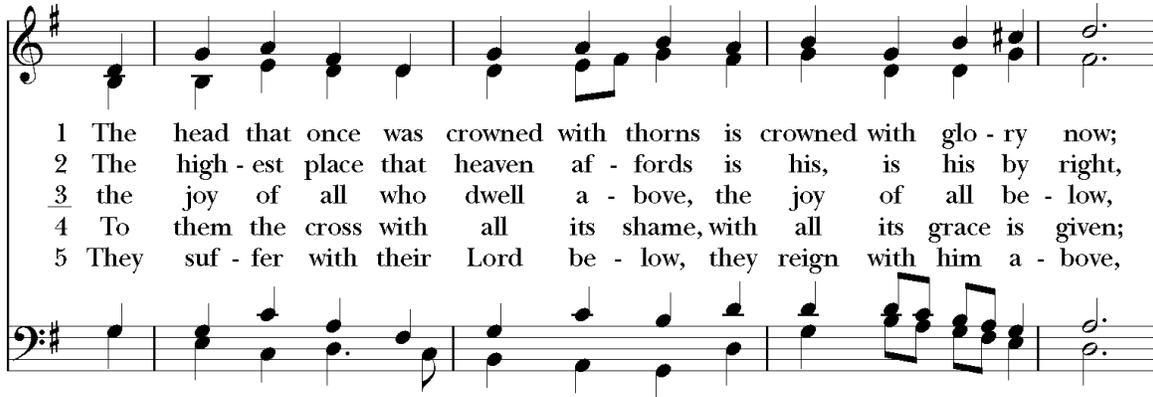
## SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, Hymn 483

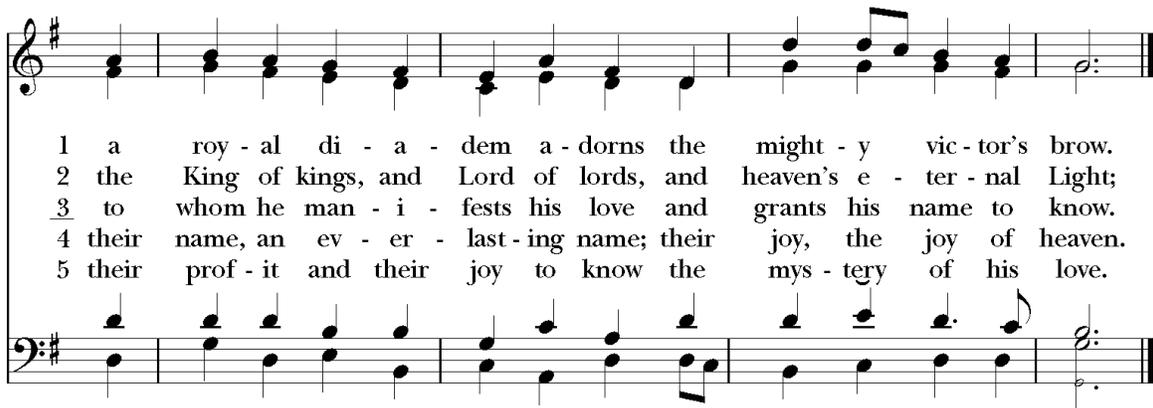
"The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns"

St. Magnus

(Congregation sings v. 1, the Gospel is read, then v. 2 is sung)



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,  
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,  
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;  
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,



1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;  
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.  
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.  
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him:  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

# COMMUNION HYMN

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Naida Hearn



Je - sus, name a - bove all names; beau - ti - ful  
 Je - sus, lov - ing Shep - herd, Vine of the  
 Je - sus, Way of sal - va - tion, King of



Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Em -  
 bran - ches, Son \_\_\_\_\_ of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
 kings, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord \_\_\_\_\_ of lords, \_\_\_\_\_ The



man - u - el, God is with us; bless - ed Re -  
 Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, Lord of the  
 Way, The Truth and The Life, \_\_\_\_\_ Migh - ty Cre -



deem - er, Liv - ing Word. \_\_\_\_\_  
 u - ni - verse, My Light of the world. \_\_\_\_\_  
 a - tor, My Sav - ior and Friend \_\_\_\_\_

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, Hymn 460

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Hyfrydol

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

## ***THIS WEEK AT ST. GREGORY'S***

### **Tuesday, November 22**

**Centering Prayer at 6:30 PM** via Zoom. Contact Fr. Michael for access information.

### **Wednesday, November 23**

**Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:30 PM** at St. Thomas of Canterbury (5306 E. Arbor Rd., Long Beach).

### **Daily Offices (Monday through Friday)**

**Daily Morning Prayer:** Monday through Friday at **9:00 AM** on the St. Thomas Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/Saint-Thomas-of-Canterbury-Episcopal-Church-of-Long-Beach-CA-124554214274325/>).

**Daily Evening Prayer:** Monday through Friday at **5:00 PM** on the St. Gregory's Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/stgregoryslongbeach/>).

*For the Daily Offices, you will need either a Book of Common Prayer or you can download the Morning and Evening Prayer liturgies and the Psalms for the week from the St. Gregory's website ([www.stgregoryschurch.com](http://www.stgregoryschurch.com)).*

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Thanksgiving Eve Service:** As has become our custom, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving Eve with our family at St. Thomas of Canterbury. The annual Thanksgiving Eve Service with the "Blessing of the Buns" will be held on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 PM. This year, St. Gregory's will provide pie and coffee for fellowship after the service! Please bring your buns (or any other reasonable token of your Thanksgiving feast) to be blessed during the service and invite your friends and neighbors to begin the holiday in a holy fashion.

**Music @ Four returns to St. Gregory's:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. The Sanctuary Choir and friends will present a program of "Joyful Christmas Songs." You won't want to miss this long-awaited event as a part of your holiday celebrations. An offering will be taken for Friends of Music and a reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**Episcopal Visitation and Christmas Luncheon:** On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be blessed with an official visit by the Right Reverend John Harvey Taylor, our Bishop Diocesan. Following the worship service, we will have a festive Christmas luncheon (in lieu of our usual Christmas dinner). If you plan on attending the luncheon, please make reservations at the table outside the narthex on Sunday or by notifying the Parish Office (email [info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com) or call 562-420-1311).

**Nursery Attendant:** St. Gregory's is looking for a Nursery Attendant for Sunday Services 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, paying \$15/hour. We are looking for someone to provide dependable, safe, secure and nurturing care to children ages 0 through 4 years old in a clean environment. Please contact Dana Lindsay or Tamera Benedict if you or someone you know would be interested!

**Memorial Children's Hospital Birthday Party:** Children who find themselves in the hospital on their birthday are really brightened and grateful when the Auxiliary team gives them a birthday party with a gift. A few of our parishioners are members of the Auxiliary and are asking for donations of new unwrapped gifts for all ages. We will be collecting on the 2nd Sunday of each month. See Shirley DeMent if you have any questions.

**Feed My Lambs and Food Bank:** Here's the latest news on our parish feeding programs.

- **Feed My Lambs** has the following needs:
  - **Hardboiled Eggs** – We need 100 hardboiled eggs each month. Hardboiled eggs can be dropped off at the Parish Office on two occasions: Wednesday, November 30 from 10am to 12pm or on Friday, December 2 from 12 noon to 3pm. If these times do not work, contact Tamera and she will arrange a convenient time to meet you at the church.
  - **Homemade Cookies** – Any homemade cookies can be brought to church on Wednesday, November 30 from 10am to 12pm or on Thursday, December 1 at 11am so they can be sorted and bagged. If these times do not work, contact Tamera and she will arrange a convenient time to meet you at the church.
  - **Our Guests always need white athletic socks and belts!**
  - **Plastic Sacks Needed** – We have transitioned from paper sacks to plastic grocery bags. We would appreciate your donation of plastic grocery bags. You can put them in the Feed My Lamb cart on Sundays or bring them to the Parish Office.
  - **Volunteers** – We have plenty of volunteers! Thanks for all your support!!!

If you have questions about helping out with Feed My Lambs, contact Tamera Benedict at ([tlbenedict4@gmail.com](mailto:tlbenedict4@gmail.com), 562.301.6800).

- **Food Bank** has the following needs:
  - **Volunteers** – We need volunteers to assist with the Food Bank distribution on the THIRD Wednesday of the month between 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Please contact Kevin at the Parish Office ([info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com), 562.420.1311) for more information about the Food Bank.

Your continued support of our feeding ministries, through product and monetary contributions, is greatly appreciated!

**Gratitude for Your Support of the Parish:** We continue to be humbled and so incredibly grateful for your generosity in supporting our parish and its ministries! While you may not be able to drop your donation in a real offering plate, there are still ways you can make sure your donation gets to the parish:

- You can mail your check to the parish office.
- Make donations through our online payment account, accessible through the parish website at <http://stgregoryschurch.com/4721-2/>.
- Scan the QR code found in the Sunday bulletin.

And again, THANK YOU for your continued support!

**Parish Directory:** Our online parish directory is at <https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/>. This is a secure site and can be accessed using the email address you had published in the parish directory. You can also download the “Instant Church Directory” on your smart phone. Versions are available for Android, iPhone, iPad, and Kindle.

**One Body & One Spirit Annual Appeal:** The Diocese has established an ongoing campaign focused on raising funds to assist congregations, schools, affiliated institutions, and their communities who are faced with unprecedented challenges. We are invited to prayerfully consider making a donation to help others in our Diocese who may have unmet needs. More information is available at <https://diocesela.org/annual-appeal/>.

**Forward Day By Day:** For those who use the Forward Day By Day booklet for personal devotions, contact Kevin at 562-420-1311 or [info@stgregoryschurch.com](mailto:info@stgregoryschurch.com).

**In Case of Emergency . . . Notify Your Priest!** With our combined ministry program with St. Thomas of Canterbury comes additional coverage for pastoral emergencies. In the event of a hospital stay, illness, death in the family, or other pastoral emergency, please call Father Michael on his cell phone (909-373-6478) any day except Monday, his Sabbath day. Mother Sharon (562-833-3393) covers emergencies in both communities on Monday, just as Father Michael covers emergencies in both parishes on Friday, Mother Sharon’s Sabbath. And PLEASE, no excuses about not wanting to bother me. That’s why we are here – for YOU!

## ***PRAYER LIST***

Lydia Gibbs, Suzan Laverty, Martin Nemitz, Ferdinand Gonzalez, Patrick McDonough, Molly Dawes, Mike Laverty, Michael S., Kim White, Ruth McClune, Robert Huff, Bob Gergen, Grace Stinson, Barbara Smuck, Mother Beryl, Kathryn Courtney, Eric Graham, Walt Gupton, Linda Elliott, Scott Morgan, Barbara Graham, Helen Cleveland, Fran Luebben-Morgan, Sandy McCormack, Rosy Ixco, Harold Peacock, Ruth McDonald-Boyd, Bruce Graham, Heather Simundson, Jane Alt, Rudy Revell, Alexander Comiskey, Jared Baker, Gayle Reidy, Loretta Scott, Anne Gergen, Marguerite Fincher, Sandra Rodi, Kimberly Bouzguenda, Richard Alt, Miyako, Bill & Mamie, Shannon Romano, John Sprague, Nathan Southwick, Ralph Tesla, Cecilia Boling, Leroy Story, Natacha Worley, Dana Petterson, and Katie Petterson

*Note: Unless we are aware of on-going concerns, names only stay on the Parish Prayer List for a month. If names need to be re-added, please notify the Parish Office.*





# ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## **WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!**

St. Gregory's is a warm and caring community of families and singles, young and old, committed to sharing the good news that Jesus is the Lord of all life. We are an Episcopal Church, having members from all backgrounds and religious traditions, many of us had no church involvement before coming here. We want to offer to you the same welcome and friendship that were extended to us when we came to St. Gregory's.

## **ST. GREGORY'S MISSION STATEMENT**

God has called us into Christian community and gifted us for ministry:

To worship and glorify God  
To transform faith into action  
To share the love of Jesus Christ

The Right Reverend John H. Taylor  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

The Reverend Michael K. Fincher, Rector  
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David J. Feit-Pretzer, Director of Music  
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