

Christ the King

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### + HOLY COMMUNION – SETTING ONE +

**ORGAN PRELUDE** At the Name of Jesus J.J.K. Kloppers

#### **GATHERING**

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P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

Come, Thou Almighty King

No. 408

**DIALOG FOR CHRIST THE KING:** (Respond with Vigor)

A Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

C **O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A Rejoice greatly, for Christ is your King.

C **Blessing and honor and glory be unto him.**

A Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe; you have delivered us from sin and death.

C **By your blood, you have brought your people into your kingdom.**

A Therefore God has highly exalted him:

C **And bestowed on him the name which is above every name;**

A That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow:

**C And every tongue confesses him the King of glory.**

A Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

**C O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

This is the Feast

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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P We pray. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**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.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Sung*

**Psalm 93**

The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;  
you are from | everlasting.  
The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up  
their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.  
Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the  
breakers | of the sea,  
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.  
Your testimonies are | very sure,  
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- |  
evermore.  
Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
and to the | Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the begin-| ning, is now  
and will be forever. | Amen.

**SECOND LESSON      Revelation 1:4b-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: 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.

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please stand as you are able.*

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL      John 18:33-37**

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

Then 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.’

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** At the Name of Jesus

**No. 416**

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Please stand as you are able.*

The response is **“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

A On this the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. As we reflect on the meaning of Jesus' reign over our hearts, let us pray for ourselves and for the world, saying: May your reign come; Lord, hear our prayer.

*A brief silence.*

A We pray for all those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people. May your reign come.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the church, the sign of your reign, that it may extend your welcome to people of every race and background. May your kingdom come.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A We pray for Christians of every denomination, that together we may come to understand the royal priesthood you bestowed on us in baptism. May your dominion come.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure. May your rule come.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A We pray for an end to war in Ukraine, and all countries experiencing the terror of war. Let your peace reign throughout the world. May your reign come.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A For those who are ill, suffering or in need: Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Ruth Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Sam Skogen, those we name aloud ...

and those we carry in our hearts. May your kingdom come.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for the Manitoba/ Northwestern Ontario Synod, staff, pastors, and Bishop Ali Tote
- for the Southern Area Leadership Team, pastors, people and Dean, Rev. Dr. Tim Wray
- for the pastors and chaplains of health care institutions, correctional institutions, and other specialized ministries
- for those who serve as interim ministers, and for parishes who await pastoral leadership
- for the students, faculty, and staff of Luther College, Regina, Saskatchewan
- for the students, faculty, leaders, and staff of the four IELCO schools in Colombia
- for the bishops, priests, and people of the Church of Iceland
- for the pastors and people of the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches

For all these, may your dominion come.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping. May your rule come.

**C Lord, hear our prayer.**

P Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than the power of wealth and might. Hear us as we pray for the fulfillment of your reign. We ask this through Jesus our King; to him be glory and power forever.

**C Amen.**

### THE PEACE

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P May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C And also with you.**

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** "The Ash Grove" arr. Anne Krentz

*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*

*Please be seated.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

A We pray. (Please join together)

**C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Version I)

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### THE FRACTION

P This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

**C Come, let us devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.**

### LAMB OF GOD

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### THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please be seated. Assistants and those in need commune first.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

Beautiful Saviour

No. 838

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

No. 435

TABLE BLESSING *Please stand as you are able.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A We pray. (Please join together)

**C God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

#### BENEDICTION

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P Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

A Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

(With Vigor)

**C Praise the Lord! Give thanks to him!**

A God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

**C God has blessed us and brought us to this place.**

A God has caused his name to dwell in our midst.  
**C God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.**  
 A For over 68 years, God has nurtured and fed us in this place.  
**C For over 68 years, God has shown us his grace in this place.**  
 A For over 68 years, God has given himself in Word and  
 Sacrament in this place.  
**C For over 68 years, God has empowered us with his Holy  
 Spirit in this place.**  
 P Praise the Lord. Give thanks to him forever!  
**C Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, praise the name of the  
 Lord!**

**SENDING HYMN** Crown Him With Many Crowns **No. 855**

**DISMISSAL** Pg. 115

P Go in peace, humbly serving the Lord until he returns.  
**C Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Prelude in Eb" J.S. Bach



**WELCOME** to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today's servants or speak with the pastor.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Christian Tang for enriching our service with his trumpet playing.

**WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS**

Usher: Christian Tang, Vern Schnell  
 Lector: Emily Farrer  
 Assistant: Art Wildeman  
 Altar Guild: Helen Sandau  
 Refreshments: Gerry and Barb Patychuk  
 Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE**

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|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Last week     | 17 November | Budget 2024 |
| Current       | \$ 1,295    | \$2,911     |
| Benevolence   | \$ 10       |             |
| Building Fund | \$ 10       |             |
| Other         | \$ 120      |             |
| Attendance    | 63          |             |



## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

|           |        |          |                             |
|-----------|--------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Today     | 24 Nov | 11:45 PM | Fellowship and Refreshments |
|           |        | 2:00 PM  | CFMA Worship                |
| Monday    | 25 Nov | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Tuesday   | 26 Nov | 6:30 PM  | Never Alone Peer Support    |
| Wednesday | 27 Nov | 9:30 AM  | 12 Step Program             |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Thursday  | 28 Nov | 10:00 AM | Knitting Circle             |
| Friday    | 29 Nov | 7:00 PM  | 12 Step Program             |
| Saturday  | 30 Nov | 12:00 PM | Ladies Advent Luncheon      |
| Sunday    | 1 Dec  | 10:30 AM | First Sunday of Advent      |
|           |        |          | Holy Communion Service      |
|           |        | 7:00 PM  | Advent Lessons and Carols   |

**HIGHWOOD HIGHLIGHTS**— the November issue is available in the narthex.

**KNITTING CIRCLE** (*Crocheting too*) meets Thursday, 29 November 2024 at 10:00 AM. Prayers shawls are needed for our members and Bethany Care. Bring your own project and visit with us.

**LADIES' ADVENT LUNCHEON** – is Saturday, 30 November 2024 beginning at 12:00 PM. Invite your family and friends. Invitations are in your mailboxes and the sign-up sheet is downstairs.

**MITTEN TREE** – a reminder to all knitters, crocheters, and quilters: the tree will be going up for donations of scarves, toques, mittens.

**DONATIONS FOR DROP-IN CENTRE** – the boxes for new warm socks for men and women are upstairs in the narthex.

**ADVENT LESSONS AND HYMNS SERVICE** – As we prepare for the Advent season, join us at Highwood on Sunday 1 December 2024 at 7:00 PM. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Non-perishable or cash donations for the Food Bank are appreciated.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** – All men and your guest(s) are welcome to join us at Ace Casino Airport for our monthly breakfast on Saturday 7 November 2024. Sign-up list is downstairs.

**FESTIVAL CHORUS CONCERT** – “Now & Then” - *Beloved Seasonal Music Mixed with New Winter Favourites*. Saturday, 7 December 7:30 PM at Knox United Church (506 – 4 Street SW, Calgary).

**ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS** – is sponsored by the Elders. Please see the posters for more details.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** – Donations are gratefully accepted and can be added to your offering envelope.

**Please Note**

**Angle parking along Northmount Drive across from the church is no longer allowed due to a recent complaint and subsequent enforcement by the City of Calgary.**

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| <b>NEXT WEEK’S READINGS</b> | First Sunday of Advent |
| Jeremiah 33:14-16           | Psalm 25:1-9           |
| 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13      | Luke 21:25-36          |