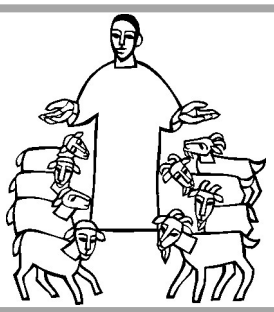
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Christ the King

November 22, 2026

Worship 10:00 A.M.

Celebrating the Risen Christ through Acts of Love, Care and Justice

Our worship today is different. We have been on a journey these past twelve months traveling through the Christian church year. We followed in the steps of Jesus as he was born in a stable, as he walked the dusty hillsides of Galilee, opened the blind eyes and made the lame to walk again; as he taught the multitudes and the twelve disciples, as he was crucified and rose again. We celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, reflected on the mission of the Church and what it means for us to be disciples of Jesus.

Today is the last Sunday of that journey for this year. Next Sunday, we start the season of Advent as we once again begin that journey to remind ourselves who we are and whose we are. We do so knowing the kingdom of God that Jesus brought is a present reality in our lives. And yet we also know that there is a future kingdom over which God will reign in Jesus Christ, a kingdom in which the world will once again fully reflect its Creator.

The liturgical calendar began to be developed around the 4th century A.D., with the calendar as we know it today being completed during the Medieval Ages. After the Reformation in the 16th century, the saints' days were reduced and a celebration of the Reformation was added. There have been only minimal changes to the liturgical calendar between the Reformation and today.

On this Christ the King Sunday, we celebrate Jesus as past, present, and future King over all the earth, at the same time that we express our hope and our faith in that coming Kingdom.

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* David Cherwien

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Call to Worship

We are people of seasons. Advent longing, Christmas breakthrough,
Springtime awakenings, summer heat,

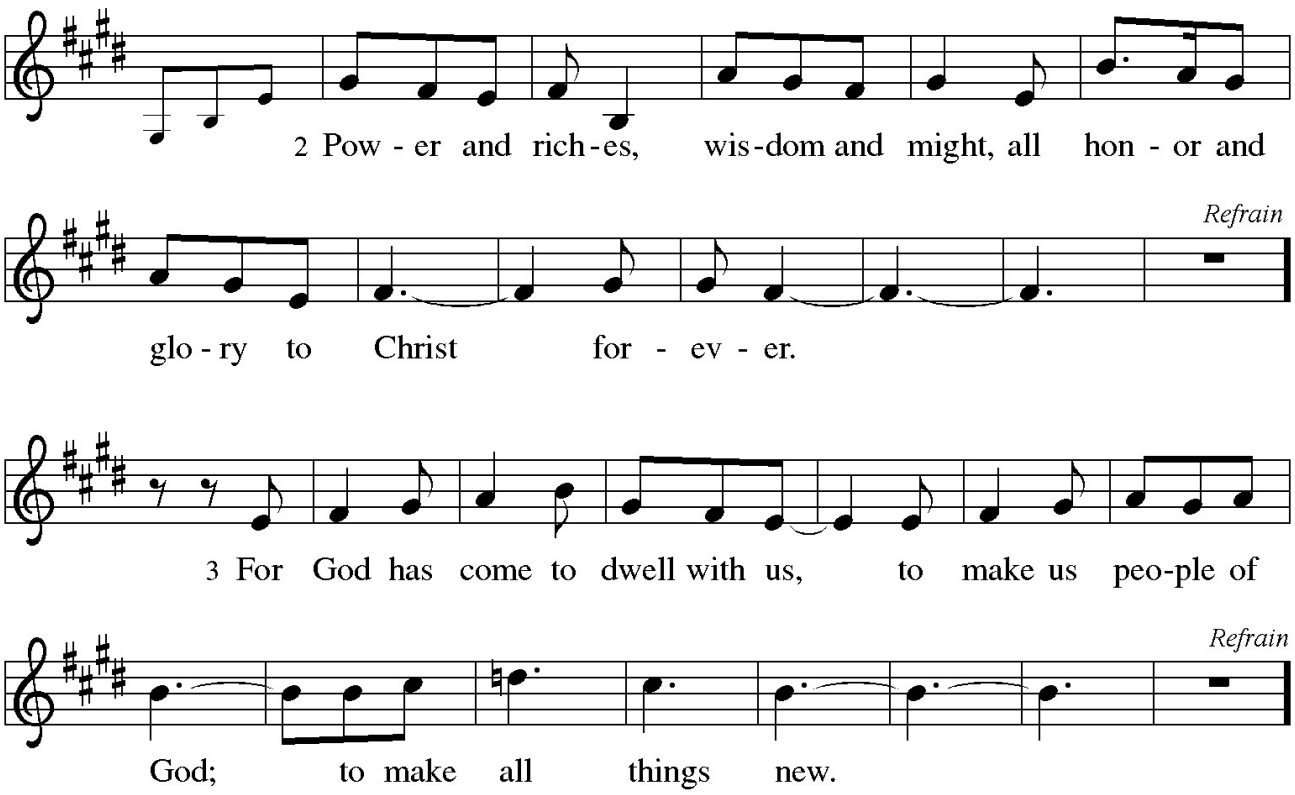
Epiphany embodiment of holy presence.
We are people of seasons.

The suffering of Lent to the new life of Easter.
Autumn harvest to winter cold

Pentecost fire, wind and holy breath.
We are people of seasons.

Gathering Hymn — Now the Feast and Celebration — ELW #167





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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us 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 Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Journey through Word, Meal, and Song

Advent

We begin our journey once more around the great circle of the Christian year. The season of Advent, which is from the Latin word meaning "coming" marks the beginning of the church year. The Christian Church has observed a season of preparation before Christmas since the time of Bishop Perpetuus of Tours in 490 A.D.

Advent is a joyful season. It is also a time of hope amid crisis, light in deep darkness, a growing season of expectation and a growing trust in the promises of God. The royal color of blue is used during Advent signifying the hope we have in the Messiah who has come and will come again.

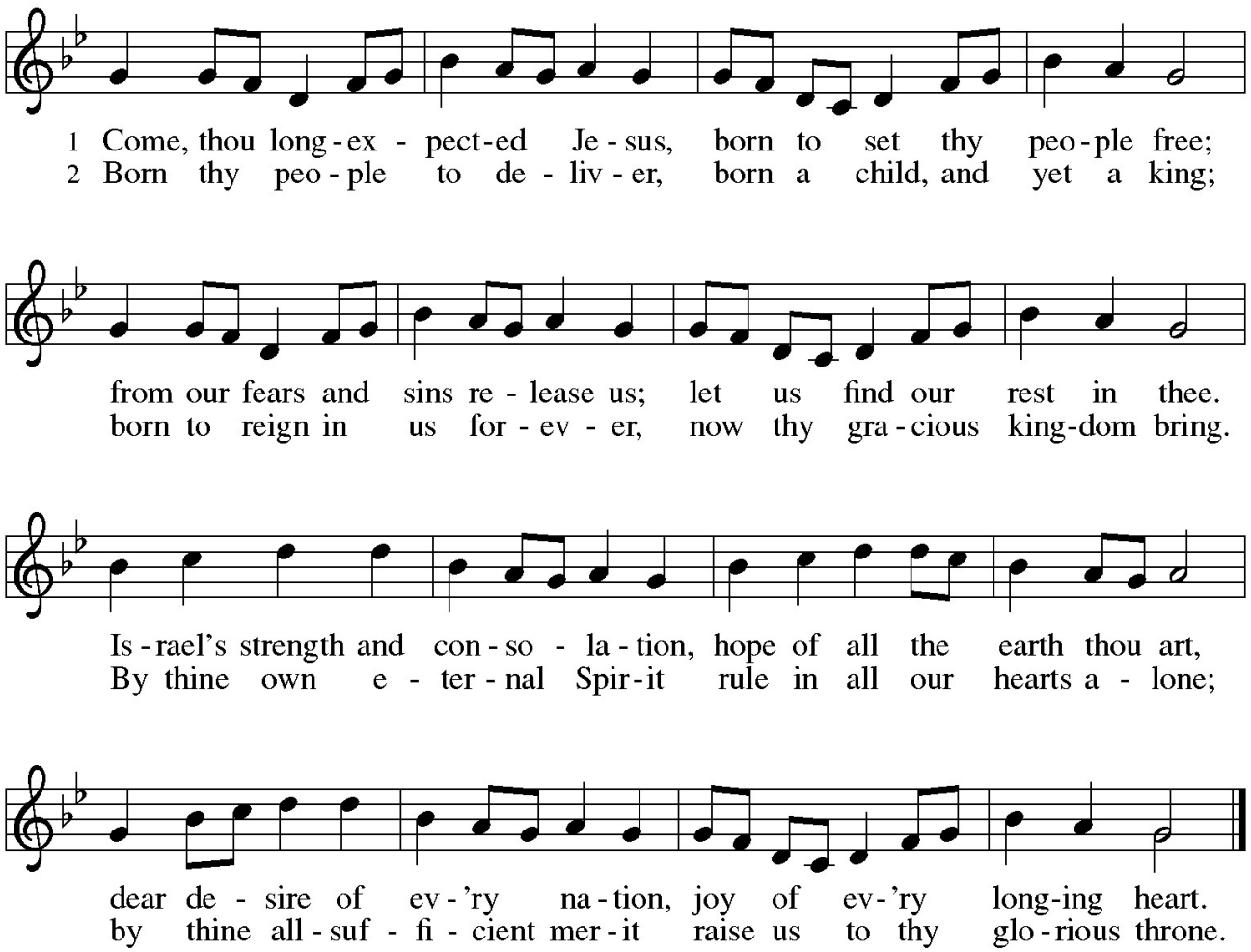
We walk through this season of four Sundays hearing again the promises of the prophets. We experience the breathless waiting of the Israelites hoping for the Messiah. We sing, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," with longing, not because we seek the Messiah yet to come into the world, but because Jesus has come and we long for Him to come again. The quiet pace of Advent is in direct contrast to the bustling commercialism of the secular holidays.

And so we begin our new year in Advent, reminding ourselves that in the midst of the worldliness of our lives, we need to renew our relationship to this King who has come.

Reading — Isaiah 9: 1-7

[1] But there will be no gloom for those who
were in anguish. In the former time he
brought into contempt the land of Zebulun
and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter
time he will make glorious the way of the
sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of
the nations.
[2] The people who walked in darkness have
seen a great light; those who lived in a
land of deep darkness—on them light has
shined. [3] You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy; they rejoice
before you as with joy at the harvest, as
people exult when dividing plunder.
[4] For the yoke of their burden and the
bar across their shoulders, the rod of their
oppressor, you have broken as on the day
of Midian. [5] For all the boots of the
tramping warriors and all the garments
rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for
the fire.
[6] For a child has been born for us, a son
given to us; authority rests upon his
shoulders, and he is named Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace. [7] Great will be his
authority, and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it with justice
and with righteousness from this time
onward and forevermore. The zeal of
the LORD of hosts will do this.

HYMN **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** **ELW #254**



Christmas

The second season of the church year is Christmas—the celebration of Jesus' birth, when God became a human being, born of the virgin Mary in the little town of Bethlehem. The word "Christmas" is from the Old English word meaning "Mass of Christ." The Christmas season lasts for only 12 days—ending the day before Epiphany.

The color of the Christmas season is white, symbolizing the purity of Jesus and our joy at His birth. Christmas Day is both the culmination of the waiting of the Advent season, and the beginning of the twelve days of celebration as we rejoice in the gift of our Savior and the daily rebirth of His grace in our own lives.

Reading Luke 2:1-7

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be
registered. 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of
Syria.
3 All went to their own towns to be registered.

4 Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called
Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.
5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.
7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

Christmas Confession and Forgiveness

God, your Word in the Christ Child brings us gladness, grief, and joy. Gladness because you left the splendor of Heaven's glory to come to a dark and cold world to bring the light and warmth of your kingdom to a world so in need of your love, peace and joy.
Grief because you came into our world, yet we claim there is no room for you in our lives. Still today, people turn you away and turn away from you. I turn from you. Sin still scars your creation and the hearts of your own people.

Jesus, you are joy because you offer perfect forgiveness and full cleansing to all who acknowledge their need of you.
Cleanse my heart today, Lord Jesus, so that I may welcome you as I long to, certain that I am also welcomed by you.

Silence for reflection

Rejoice with the angels in heaven: “Do not be afraid! I bring you good news of great joy for all people! The Savior has been born for you and for me. Jesus has forgiven our sins and remembers them no more. Be at peace with yourself, with God, and with one another!
Amen!

HYMN **Joy to the World** **ELW #267**



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Epiphany

Epiphany means "to make known." During the season of Epiphany we remember the ways and events through which God was revealed through Jesus Christ. In Epiphany we celebrate how the Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the infant Jesus were the first Gentiles (non-Jews) to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the promised Messiah. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be a light for revelation to the Gentiles (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited.

The season of Epiphany begins with the celebrating of the Magi. The Sunday after the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' baptism and the season of Epiphany ends with the Transfiguration of our Lord—the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Epiphany can last anywhere from four to eight weeks, depending on the date of Easter. The color of the day of Epiphany, for Jesus' baptism, and the Transfiguration is white; the color for the remaining Sundays of Epiphany is green, symbolizing spiritual growth and renewal.

Reading — Matthew 2:1-12

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was
born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the
east came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, "Where is
the child who has been born king of the
Jews? For we observed his star in the east
and have come to pay him homage."
3 When King Herod heard this, he was
frightened, and all Jerusalem with him,
4 and calling together all the chief priests
and scribes of the people, he inquired of
them where the Messiah was to be born.
5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea,
for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of
Judah, are by no means least among the
rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a
ruler who is to shepherd my people
Israel.' "

7 Then Herod secretly called for the magi
and learned from them the exact time
when the star had appeared. 8 Then he
sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and
search diligently for the child, and when
you have found him, bring me word so that
I may also go and pay him homage."
9 When they had heard the king, they set
out, and there, ahead of them, went the
star that they had seen in the east, until it
stopped over the place where the child
was. 10 When they saw that the star had
stopped, they were overwhelmed with
joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the
child with Mary his mother, and they knelt
down and paid him homage. Then,
opening their treasure chests, they offered
him gifts of gold, frankincense, and
myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a
dream not to return to Herod, they left for
their own country by another road.

Lent

With the ashes on our foreheads from the service of Ash Wednesday, we see the sanctuary colors for Lent are a somber purple. Throughout the six weeks of Lent, we walk the length of Jesus' three years of ministry. In Lent we re-learn the faces and names of people who, like you and me, were sometimes faithful and sometimes selfish; people who heard the good news and responded and others who laughed and scorned. Lent is a sacred time which calls us to stop and take a deep look at our own life and to humble ourselves before God who says to us, "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing to obey, you shall eat the good things of the earth." (Isaiah 1: 18-19)

The season of Lent culminates with Holy Week or Passion Week, from the Latin word that means "to suffer." Starting with Palm Sunday and the joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, it ends with that very same crowd yelling "Crucify Him!" on Good Friday. On Maundy Thursday we remember the night in which Jesus was betrayed and the night He celebrated the Passover meal with His disciples; a meal that has become central in Christian worship services known as The Last Supper or Holy Communion. Maundy is from the Latin word "mandatum" which means commandment. We remember the new commandment that Jesus gave His disciples the night He washed His disciples' feet, "to love one another as I have loved you."

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with one another.

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray…Eternal God,

our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion / Eucharistic Prayer

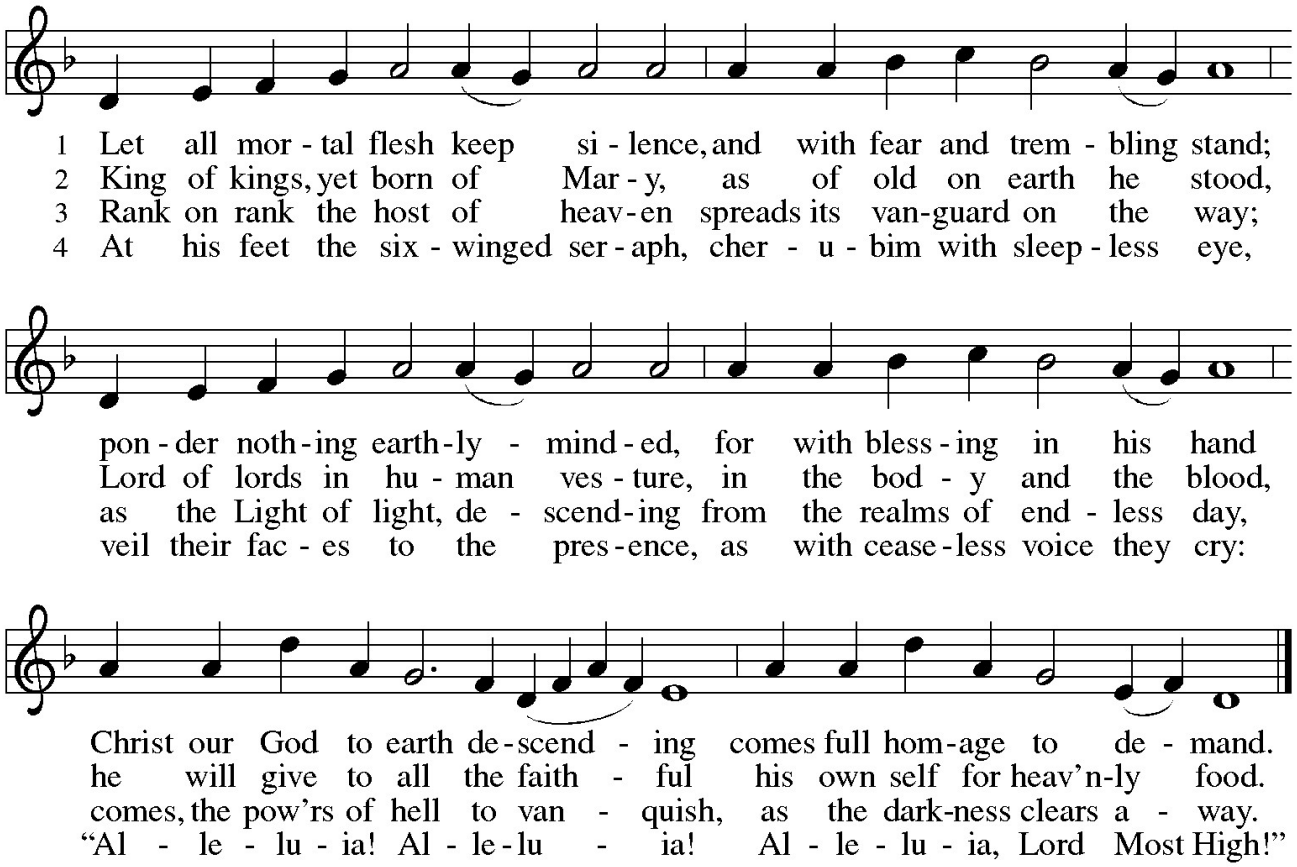
The Lord's Prayer (modern text)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God — ELW pg. 208



COMMUNION HYMN Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence ELW #490



Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

TABLE BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...Let us pray...Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

Easter

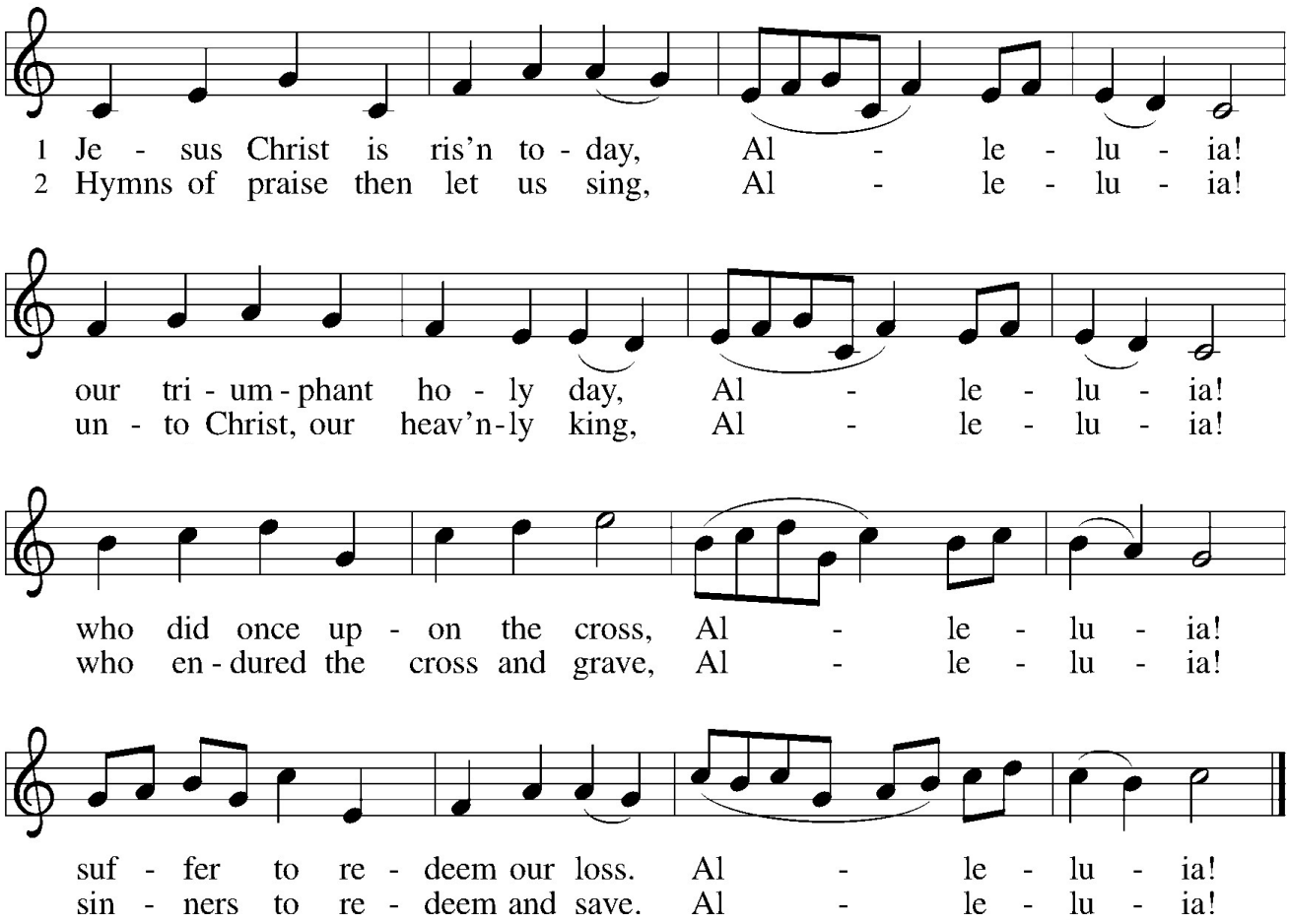
Sunday morning dawns and Mary Magdalene weeps at the tomb until she is told the Good News. “Jesus is not dead! He has risen!” And that call echoes throughout the centuries as Christians around the world joyfully cry out, “Christ is Risen!”
He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Easter lilies adorn the sanctuary and the colors change to a golden brightness to portray the holiness of our Risen Savior. There is no joy compared to an Easter Sunday after the solemn weeks of Lent. Three days before, we buried our beloved Jesus. Today, He lives! We wept with Mary on the day Jesus was crucified, and on Easter we are awed by the greatest news that Jesus lives.
The 50 days of Easter ring joyfully with new life and new hope that the Risen Savior brings to us, to our world, and to all people who open their hearts to Him. We listen in on the conversations of the disciples as they struggle to wrap their hearts and minds around this news. We watch as those who had previously persecuted the people of God now fall on their knees in awe and wonder. We experience for ourselves in this season a renewed sense of freedom and joy, power, strength and life that is our heritage as the people of God.

Reading — Matthew 28:1-10

1 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the
week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and
the other Mary went to see the tomb.
2 And suddenly there was a great
earthquake, for an angel of the Lord,
descending from heaven, came and rolled
back the stone and sat on it. 3 His
appearance was like lightning and his
clothing white as snow.
4 For fear of him the guards shook and
became like dead men. 5 But the angel said
to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I
know that you are looking for Jesus who
was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has
been raised, as he said. Come, see the
place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and
tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from
the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of
you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This
is my message for you.” 8 So they left the
tomb quickly with fear and great joy and
ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus
met them and said, “Greetings!” And they
came to him, took hold of his feet, and
worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them,
“Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers
and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will
see me.”

HYMN **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today** **ELW #365**



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

PENTECOST

The Red of flames is the sanctuary color of Pentecost as we remember the great rushing wind and the dancing flames like fire, and the words of Jesus, baptizing his disciples with the Holy Fire of the Spirit.

READING Acts 2:1-11

1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

(pulpit side) **3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.**

(piano side) **4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.**

5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

(pulpit side) **6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.**

(piano side) **7Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?**

9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs —

(ALL) **in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."**

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Ordinary Time

The season of Pentecost, or Ordinary Time in the church year includes the Sundays between the Day of Pentecost and Christ the King Sunday. This time includes the festivals of Holy Trinity Sunday, Reformation, and All Saints Day. The book of Acts and the Epistles (Letters) to the early churches give us a clear picture of ordinary people going about ordinary lives, but doing extraordinary things that built the Kingdom of God. The Church was growing by leaps and bounds, both the individuals within it and the worldwide Church. So we use the color of Green to depict this growing time and pray for the same thing within our ordinary lives. We hear again the Good News, we are instructed in the ways of the world and the Kingdom, and we are shown the vision of the Church and our responsibility within it. As followers of Jesus Christ, we await His Second Coming, when He comes as Christ the King.

Prayers of the People

God, we pray to you.
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.

HYMN **Let All Things Now Living** **ELW #881**



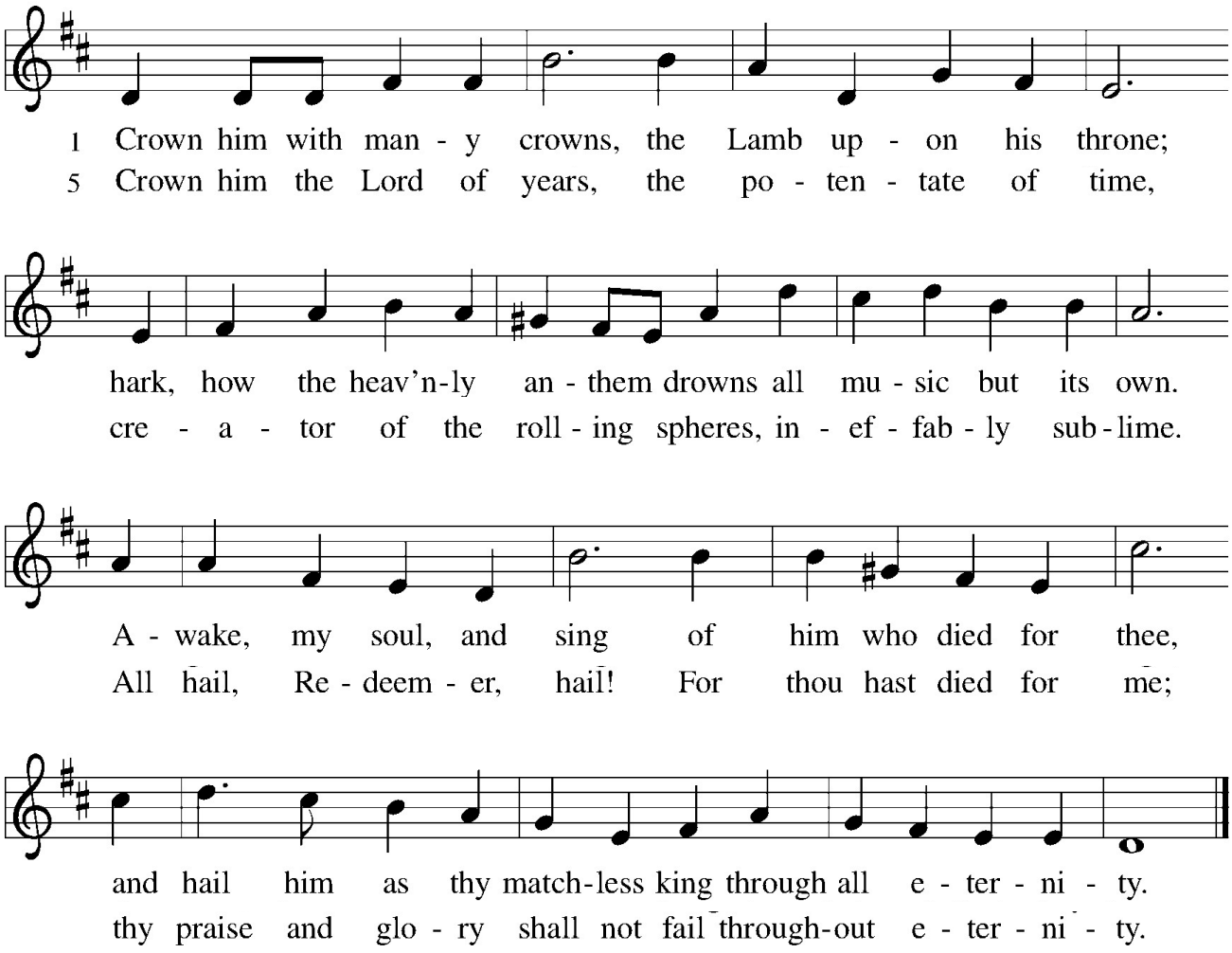
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CHRIST THE KING

Let us pray,...Lord, on this Christ the King Sunday,
we are reminded that you journey with us through every season of our earthly life. There is no greater way to spend our life than serving you. May you bless us to do your work in this world through a Spirit-filled life of growth and fulfillment until you come again in your glory. Amen.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN **Crown Him, With Many Crowns** **ELW #855**



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. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* Jim Loeffler

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