

The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island
Sunday, November 22, 2020
Christ the King Sunday

“Gathering in God’s presence...”

Prelude

Intonation on Duke Street

Hal Hopson

Words of Welcome

Minute for Mission – Thornwell Offering

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise, a noise of love and care!

People: Praise God with generosity and compassion!

Leader: Sing to the Lord with acts of kindness!

People: Give God glory with missions of mercy!

Leader: Make a joyful noise, a noise of love and care!

People: Praise God with justice and righteousness!

Opening Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.*

*People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.*

*Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.*

Prayer of Confession

God of glory, we do not always see your glory in the world around us. When we see a person in need, it is not easy to look him in the eye. When we hear a cry for help, it is not easy to offer her quick assurance. When we know of a lonely prisoner, it is not easy to make that unannounced visit. Forgive us when we fail to see you in our everyday lives. Forgive us when we are afraid to act, afraid to care. Encourage us, God of glory. Help us to see others with the eyes of compassion, that we might be your loving presence in the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

However long we wander, however far we stray, God’s steadfast love endures forever. Sisters and brothers, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Read

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,^[a] you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Posture of Giving and Receiving

Rev. Ashley Sanders

Our Response

Prayer of the People & the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

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Song of Response

Give Thanks

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***Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.***

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***And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"***

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Prayer of Dedication

Song of Sending

For the Fruit of All Creation

East Acklam

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.*

*For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

Benediction

Let us stand with a posture of giving and receiving, learning from Christ how to share and accepting from Christ what is good. And as we celebrate this Thanksgiving week, remind us that Christ is our King. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, serving faithfully until Christ comes to welcome his people home. Amen.

Postlude

Give Thanks

...sending in God's Name."

Leading Worship Today:
Liturgy – Norma McAlhany, Pete Gerschefski,
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Piano – Marc Coker
Music Director – Sheri Melton
Pastor – Ashley Sanders

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