

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Reign of Christ**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – November 26, 2023

Responsive Call to Worship

The Lord is the first and the last, our beginning and our end.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God, who was and is, and is to come. Blessing and honour, glory and majesty be to our God, now and evermore.

Hymn 65 All people that on earth do dwell

**1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth; his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**3. Oh enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**4. For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

Prayer of Praise *(minister)*

Hymn 267 Rejoice the Lord is King

**1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals, sing
and triumph ever more.**

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**2. For Christ the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;**

when Jesus purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

3. His reign can never fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven:
the keys of death and hell
are to our Saviour given.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

5. Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ the judge shall come
and take the faithful up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear
the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to love fully,
forgive wholly, and to share the joy of your presence day by
day. You offer us freedom but we settle for the familiar. You
offer risky love but we opt for safer choices. You offer us
hope but we prefer knowing what will happen next.**

**Teach us to abandon our selfish ways and cautious service,
so that we can risk offering you our whole lives, committed
to following Jesus and building your kingdom here on earth.**

- silent confession -

**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, the power, and the glory. For ever
and ever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon *(minister)*

Hymn 659 King of glory, King of peace

**1. King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee,
and, that love may never cease, I will move thee.**

**Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast; thou hast spared me.**

**2. Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.**

**Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.**

**3. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.**

**Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 100 p. 547 NT & Psalms

¹Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

²Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing with joy.

³Acknowledge that the Lord is God!

He made us, and we are his.[a]

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵For the Lord is good.

His unfailing love continues forever,

and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

New Living Translation (NLT)

Holy Bible, New Living Translation, copyright © 1996, 2004, 2015 by Tyndale House Foundation

Scripture Lessons

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 p. 74 pew Bible
Ephesians 1:15-23 p. 330NT & Psalms
Matthew 25:31-46 p. 51 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon This is the king I want

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

*There will be opportunity for you to respond in this prayer. When I say
Your kingdom come.*

You respond with

Your will be done.

Hymn 274 Crown him with many crowns

**1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!**

**Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King
through all eternity.**

**2. Crown him the Son of God,
before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod,
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.**

**3. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

**4. Crown him the Lord of peace
whose kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease
and Christ rule every land!**

**A city stands on high;
Christ's glory it displays,
and there the nations 'Holy' cry
in joyful hymns of praise.**

**5. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Source, the End of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres
in majesty sublime.**

**All hail, Redeemer, hail,
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
through all eternity!**

Offering & Offertory

***Doxology 830 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication (congregation)

Generous God, you envision a world where the hungry are fed and strangers are welcomed. We bring you our gifts to put your vision into action. Bless them and the lives they will touch so that the love of Jesus Christ wears a human face again for those who need him in our time. Amen.

Hymn 275 Jesus shall reign where're the sun

**1. 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.**

**2. For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like fragrance sweet shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

**3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**4. 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.**

**5. Let every creature rise and bring
the honours due our glorious King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long Amen.**

Choral Blessing

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will be with you each hour of every day.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Piano Postlude