

# Christ the King

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## Order of Service

~ Gathering ~

† Welcome

\*† Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection, and self-examination.)*

P: Holy God,

**C: You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

\*† Entrance Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" LMGM 88

*1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!*

*Let angels prostrate fall.*

\*Congregation Standing  
**Bold Font:** Congregation Response

*Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all.*

*Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!*

*2 O seed of Israel's chosen race  
now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!*

*3 Let every tongue and every tribe  
responsive to his call,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!*

*4 Oh, that with all the sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.*

**\*† Greeting**

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

C: **And also with you.**

**\*† Kyrie**

*A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy,**

*A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C: Amen**

**\*† Hymn of Praise**

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

*Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

*Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.*

*Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**\*† Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

~God's Word~

† **First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

<sup>9</sup> 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.  
<sup>10</sup> 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.  
<sup>13</sup> 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.  
<sup>14</sup> 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.

† **Psalm: Psalm 93; refrain, Ps. 93:2**

*Refrain: Ever since the world began, your throne has been established.*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and <sup>1</sup> armed with strength.

The Lord has made the world so sure that it can- <sup>1</sup> not be moved.

<sup>2</sup> **Ever since the world began, your throne has <sup>1</sup> been established;**

\*Congregation Standing

**Bold Font:** Congregation Response

**you are from | everlasting. R**

<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted | up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

<sup>4</sup>**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,  
mightier is the Lord who | dwells on high.**

<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are | very sure,  
and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and for- | evermore. **R**

### **† Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8**

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

<sup>4b</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### **\*† Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C: *Glory to you, Glory to you, Glory to you, O Lord***

### **\*† Holy Gospel: John 18:33-37**

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

<sup>33</sup> Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> 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?" <sup>36</sup> 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." <sup>37</sup> 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 be to you, praise be to you, praise be to you, O Christ*

† **Choir Anthem: "Jesus, the King of Kings"**

† **Sermon: The Rev. Dianne L. Lewis, Pastor**

† **Sermon Hymn: "Every Praise"**

*Every praise is to our God.  
Every word of worship, with one accord.  
Every praise, every praise is to our God.  
Sing hallelujah to our God  
Glory hallelujah is due our God  
Every praise, every praise is to our God. (Repeat)*

*God my Savior  
God my Healer  
God my Deliverer  
Yes He is, yes He is*

*God my Savior  
God my Healer  
God my Deliverer  
Yes He is, yes He is, yes He is, yes He is  
Yes He is, yes He is, yes He is, yes He is*

*Every praise is to our God.  
Every word of worship, with one accord  
Every praise, every praise, every praise, every praise  
Every praise, every praise, every praise, every praise  
Every praise, every praise, every praise, every praise  
Is to our God.*

*~ Prayer ~*

**\*† The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*† Prayers of the People**



Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders (*like Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, whom we commemorate today*) who teach and serve your people. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf (*local officials may be named*). Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent (*worship ministries may be named*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In your eternal presence the saints (*recently deceased members of the congregation may be named*) sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**\*† Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*† Offering Canticle**

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
Give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

**\*† Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.**

**Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*~ Meal ~*

**\*† The Great Thanksgiving**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Lift up your hearts.*

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

*A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**Lord, God of power and might.**

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

**\*† Words of Institution**

**\*† 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 trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen**

**† Holy Communion**

**P: The gifts of God for the people of God.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

**† Communion Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together " TFBF 123**

*1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.*

*Refrain:*

*When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]*

*3 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]*

**\*† Post Communion Blessing**

*(After all have returned to their places:)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

**\*† Post Communion Canticle**

*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people. A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

**\*† Post Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. C: **Amen.**

**\*† Benediction**

**† Welcome, Acknowledgment of Visitors, and Announcements**

**\*† Sending Hymn: "Soon and Very Soon" TFBF 38**

*1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
we are goin' to see the King!*

\*Congregation Standing  
**Bold Font:** Congregation Response

*2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
we are goin' to see the King!*

*3 No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
we are goin' to see the King!*

*4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
we're are goin' to see the King!*

**\*† Dismissal**

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Announcements

- ◆ Trinity's **Weekly Bible Study** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7PM via Zoom. Next session will be Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM - **Meeting ID: 822 8031 9117 Passcode: 709073**
- ◆ Trinity's **Adult Sunday School** meets every first and third Sunday at 9:45 AM. Next session will be Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ Trinity's **Children Sunday School** meets every Sunday at 11AM. Contact Valerie Slack or Pastor Dianne if you like to volunteer.
- ◆ **Free Health Screening** will be Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9AM - 12PM
- ◆ Trinity's **Food Pantry** will be Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 2PM - 3:30PM
- ◆ Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** meets monthly. Next meeting will be Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10AM
- ◆ Trinity's **Church Council Meeting** will be Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM
- ◆ Trinity's **Youth Ministry Catechism 101** will be Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1PM
- ◆ Trinity's **Pew Rededication** fundraiser... Join in the Anniversary Celebration. Your donation supports the pew restoration labor and the installation of a personalized legacy name plate on your selected pew. \$500 for center aisle; \$300 for window aisle. Contact Tina Richardson at 201-435-9807 for more info.
- ◆ **Join in our Fundraisers:**
  - ◆ **Walk in Faith - Donation:** Pledge a multiple of your shoe size (i.e. if your shoe size is a size 9, pledge \$9, or \$18, or \$90, or \$900, etc.)
  - ◆ **Operational Expenses Fund - Donation:** any amount
- ◆ You may pay your Tithes & Offerings online at <http://www.trinityjerseycity.com> OR text **GIVE** to 844-930-5787 from your mobile phone
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