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**

***† Greeting**

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

1 All hail the power of Jesus name

let angels prostrate fall

bring forth the Royal diadem

and crown him Lord of all
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and crown him Lord of all

2 Crown him, you martyrs of our God
Who from his altar call
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
and crown him Lord of all
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
and crown him Lord of all

3 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
A remnant weak and small
Hail Him who save you by His grace
and crown him Lord of all
Hail Him who save you by His grace
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**

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.

~God's Word ~

† First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my
sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from
the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of
Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them
with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they
shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains
of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says
the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the
injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed
them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep
and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the
weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my
flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he
shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant
David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

† Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a; *refrain*, Ps. 95:7

***Refrain**: We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.*

1 Come, let us sing | to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.
3 For you, Lord, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are | also yours. R
5 The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
6 **Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
let us kneel before the | Lord our maker.
7a For the Lord | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. **R**

† Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for
this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that
the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,
you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his
glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his
power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this
power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right
hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion
and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.
22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for
the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

***† Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th Chapter

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

***† Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 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 who 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 brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise be to you, Praise be to you, Praise be to you O Christ

† Youth Choir Anthem: "We Sing Praises"

† Adult Choir Anthem: "Take Me To The King"

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

***† Sermon Hymn: "His Name Is Wonderful"** LMGM 87

His Name is Wonderful
His Name is Wonderful
His Name is Wonderful
Jesus My Lord

He is the Mighty King
Master of everything
His Name is Wonderful
Jesus My Lord

He's the Great shepherd
The Rock of All Ages
Almighty God is He

Bow down before Him
Love and adore Him
His Name is Wonderful
Jesus My Lord

Repeat all

~ 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**

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination (*places or events may be named*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need (*especially*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
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: "Open Our Eyes, Lord" TFBF 98

Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him.

Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen,
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus.

Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him
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Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen,
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus.

***† 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. **Amen.**

† Welcome, Acknowledgment of Visitors, and Announcements

***† Benediction**

***† Hymn: "Soon And Very Soon"** TFBF 38

Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.

No more crying there,
We are going to see the King *(3X)*
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King

No more dying there,
We are going to see the King *(3X)*
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.

Repeat all

***† Dismissal**
A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

Announcements

- Trinity's **Weekly Bible Study** meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday via Zoom at 7:30PM - **Meeting ID: 822 8031 9117 Passcode: 709073.** Next session Dec 9th
- Trinity's **Adult Sunday School** meets every first and third Sunday at 9:45 AM. Next session will be Sunday, December 6th
- Trinity's **Children Sunday School** meets every Sunday at 11AM
- Trinity's **Food Pantry** will be Friday, December 4th from 2PM – 3:30PM
- Trinity's **Church Council Meeting** will be Thursday, December 10th at 7:30PM
- Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** meets monthly. Next session will be Saturday, December 5th at 10AM at Grace Lutheran
- Trinity offers **Math & Reading Tutoring** through the 2026-2027 school year. Time: 10AM–12:30PM | Next Dates: Nov 28th
- Trinity will celebrate **Pastor Dianne's Birthday Celebration** on Sunday, Dec 13th
- Trinity's **Community Push** will host **A Conversation with the Rev. Dr. Annette Jones: Depression "The fog that will not lift"** on Thursday, Dec 17th via Zoom at 7PM - **Meeting ID: 884 6464 3918 Passcode: 440471**
- For *All Saints Sunday*, please remember to donate $3 per name. Your donation funds the Yvette Bolden Scholarship.
- Trinity is selling "**Faith Over Fear**" T-Shirts in 3 different designs. Short-sleeved: $20; Long-sleeved: $23. Please check our website for the designs and order info.
- Trinity's **Pew Rededication** fundraiser… 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.
- You may pay your Tithes & Offerings online at http://www.trinityjerseycity.com
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*Congregation Standing
Bold Font: Congregation Response