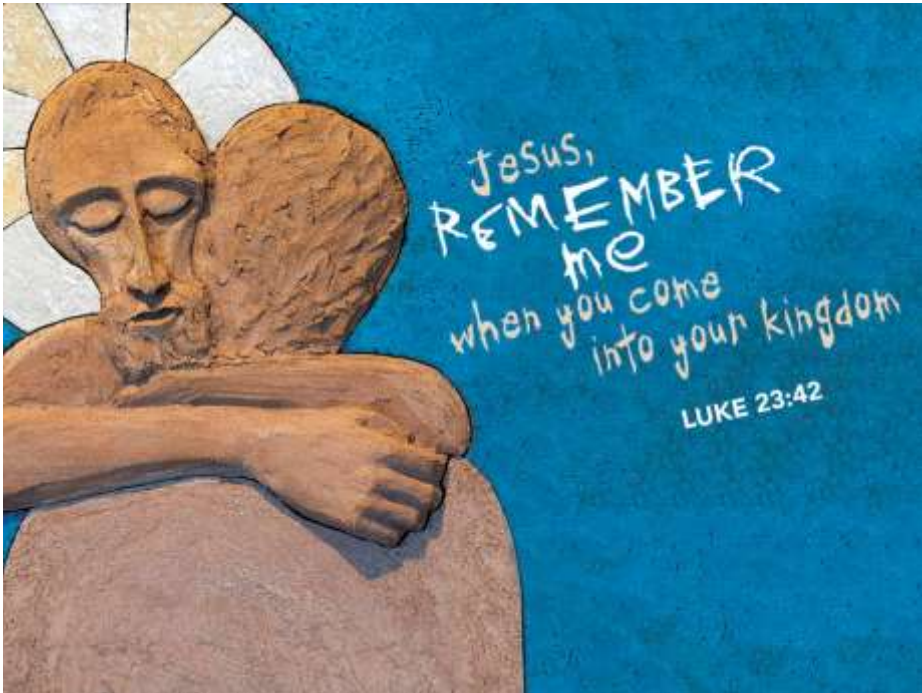


Christ the King



November 20, 2022 | 9:00 a.m.

*Kviteseid Lutheran Church
308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... In the name of Christ the King, I welcome you to worship on this final Sunday of the church year. Let us together praise and worship our God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #634

INTRODUCTION

Jeremiah’s promise of the execution of “justice and righteousness in the land” finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

DIALOG FOR CHRIST THE KING

P Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

C **O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P Rejoice greatly, for Christ is your King.

C **Blessing and honor and glory be unto him.**

P Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe;
you have delivered us from sin and death.

C **By your blood, you have brought your people into your kingdom.**

P Therefore God has highly exalted him:

C **And bestowed on him the name which is above every name;**

P That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow:

C **And every tongue confess him the King of glory.**

P Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

C **O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

RESPONSIVE READING: Revelation 1:4b-5

P Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C **To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (vs. 1) ELW #855

READING: Revelation 11:15-17

P Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet,
and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

C **“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord
and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever.”**

P Then the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God
fell on their faces and worshipped God, singing,

C **“We give you thanks, Lord God almighty, who are and who were;
for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.”**

HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (vs. 3) ELW #855

READING: Revelation 12:10-11

P Then I heard a loud voice proclaiming,

C **“Now have come the salvation of our God and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.”**

P “But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,

C **“for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.”**

HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (vs. 4) ELW #855

READING: Revelation 5:12, 9, 10, 13

P “Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered”

C **“and by his blood ransomed for God saints from every tribe
and language and people and nations,”**

P “and made them to be a kingdom and priests serving God.”

C **“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing
and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**

(Sung)

**Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, enthroned in worlds above;
Crown Him the King to whom is giv’n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.**

****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ,
yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose.
We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips,
but we have not honored him with our lives.

We have served the idols of wealth and privilege;
we have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence;
we have lived in fear of death and loss;
we have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies.
Therefore we pray: Break our rebellious will.

C Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace.

P Expose our insincere thoughts.

C Give us integrity in our quest for truth.

P Release us from the fear of death.

C Grant us courage in the face of evil.

P Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord.

C Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom.

P For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

P God has rescued us from the power of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Through Christ our Lord, we are forgiven.

Col. 1:13-14

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSON: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

PSALM 46

L ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

- L ³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- C ⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- L ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- C ⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
- L ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- C ⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
- L ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- C ¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
- L ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

LESSON: Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23rd chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and King, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and King is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised criminal to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!” (vs. 3, 5 & 6) ELW #634

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C **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 and the Son,
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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Praise and Thanksgiving” (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #689

****OFFERING PRAYER**

P Almighty God, *Col. 1:18*
receive our offering for the sake of Christ our Lord. Make us worthy stewards of
your gifts and generous citizens of the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ,
through whom we pray.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *(based on Revelation 1:4b-6)*

P Grace be 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, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first born from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C **To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" (vs. 1-2, 4-5) ELW #434

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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