

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Christ the King Sunday**  
**November 21, 2021**

**INTROIT**

*Sing a New Song*

*Maris Ryan and Susie Lewis*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

**All: Christ will reign forever and ever.**

Leader: The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

**All: Christ will reign forever and ever.**

Leader: God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

**All: Christ will reign forever and ever.**

Leader: God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**All: Christ will reign forever and ever.**

Leader: The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord. Let us worship God.

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

In Christ, God came to reconcile all things, making peace through the blood of the cross.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. Believe the good news of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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*We encourage you to quietly reflect with joy on God's mercy as the music plays.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and let your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

*Revelation 1:4b-8*

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, 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, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

*Jesus is King*

*Maris Ryan and Susie Lewis*

**SECOND READING**

*Isaiah 9:1-7*

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,

and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## MESSAGE

Rev. Ben Shaw

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Taken from the Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor, teaching by word and deed, calling all to repent and believe the Gospel, Jesus was unjustly condemned and crucified. God raised Jesus from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally good in God's image. God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. God is faithful still. We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor. The same Spirit rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Savior, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ, and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **CALL TO OFFERING**

*Per COVID-19 safety measures, we will not pass the offering plate for some time. As you feel called, you may leave your offering in the plate in the Gathering Room or donate online at [MPChurch.net](http://MPChurch.net).*

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

*In place of singing aloud, we encourage you to ponder God's blessings in your life as the music plays.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

... And now hear as we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

**\*HYMN**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

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**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all this day, and unto your life eternal. Amen.