

ORDER OF SERVICE  
Reign of Christ  
Twenty-Seventh Sunday After Pentecost  
November 24, 2024

PRELUDE

"The Evening Star"

Richard Wagner/Arr. Edwin H. Lemare

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marcus Little

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*We greet one another with signs and words of peace.*

SONG OF CENTERING

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next two lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word 'ia!'.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Liturgist: Grace and peace to you from the One who is, who was, and who is to come.

**ALL: We gather to honor Christ, the faithful witness, the ruler of all kings and powers.**

Liturgist: In Christ's reign, truth shines brighter than fear, and love overcomes all divides.

**ALL: We come as one people, longing to hear the truth that sets us free.**

Liturgist: Let us worship the One whose kingdom is not of this world, yet transforms the world with hope and grace.

**ALL: To Christ, who loves us and calls us to love, be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.**

Liturgist: Let us pray.... Holy and Sovereign God, we come before you with hearts open to your truth and love. You sent Christ to bear witness to a kingdom not bound by borders or rulers but defined by justice, mercy, and peace. Open our ears to hear your Word and our hearts to embrace your call to love and serve.

In this time of worship, let your Spirit stir within us – strengthening us for the work of faith, encouraging us to live as citizens of your eternal kingdom. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, who was, who is, and who is to come.

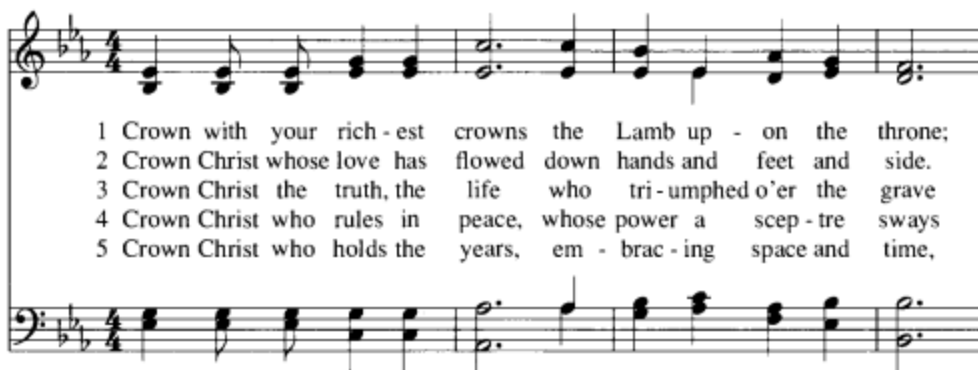
**ALL: Amen.**

## SONG OF GATHERING

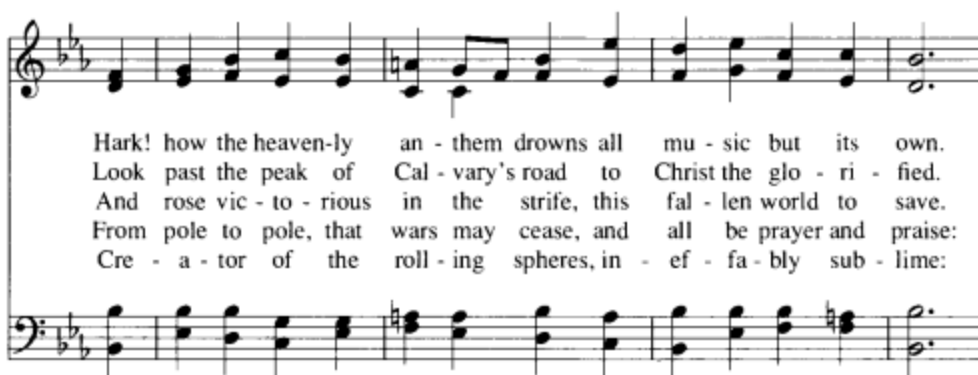
*During this song, people are invited to come forward to light a candle.*

"Crown With Your Richest Crowns"

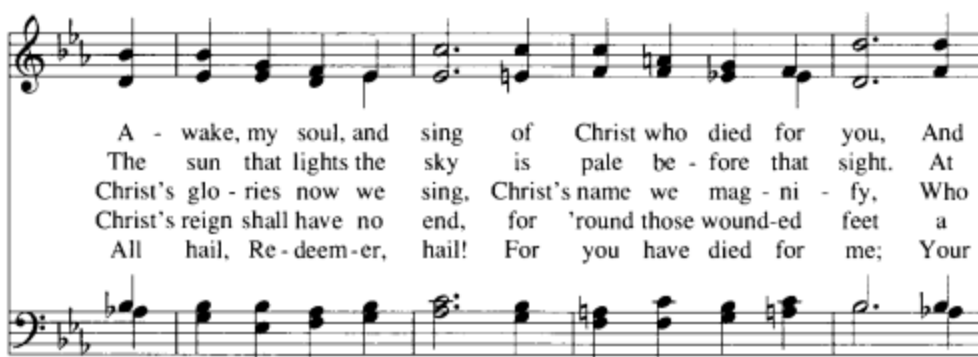
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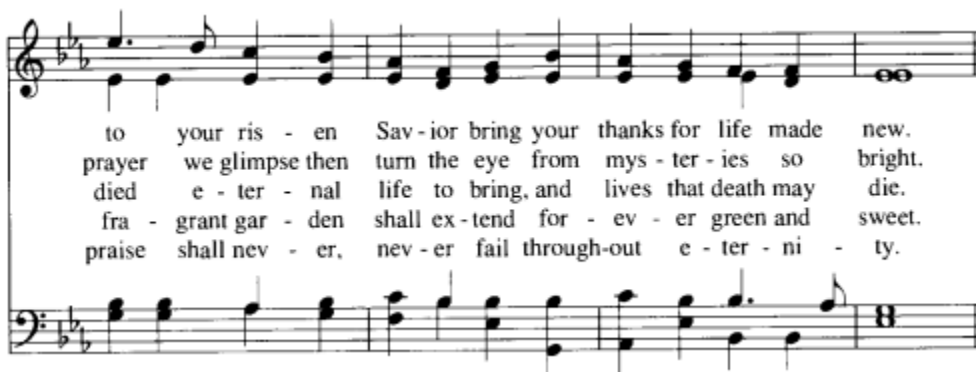
1 Crown with your rich - est crowns the Lamb up - on the throne;  
 2 Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.  
 3 Crown Christ the truth, the life who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 4 Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a scep - tre sways  
 5 Crown Christ who holds the years, em - brac - ing space and time,



Hark! how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 Look past the peak of Cal - vary's road to Christ the glo - ri - fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife, this fal - len world to save.  
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



A - wake, my soul, and sing of Christ who died for you, And  
 The sun that lights the sky is pale be - fore that sight. At  
 Christ's glo - ries now we sing, Christ's name we mag - ni - fy, Who  
 Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wound-ed feet a  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For you have died for me; Your



to your ris - en Sav - ior bring your thanks for life made new.  
 prayer we glimpse then turn the eye from mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 fra - grant gar - den shall ex - tend for - ev - er green and sweet.  
 praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

*The Liturgist invites the congregation to be seated.*

FIRST READING

Liturgist

John 18:33-38a

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on my own, or did others tell you about me?" 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?" 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." 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." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him."

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*Silence is Observed*

**ALL: Gracious God, you have called us to live in truth, yet we often cling to our own ways. You invite us into your kingdom of love, but we struggle to release our fears and doubts. Forgive us for the times we fail to reflect your light in the world, for the words left unspoken, the kindness withheld, and the opportunities missed. In your mercy, make us new. Remind us that your grace is abundant, your peace is eternal, and your forgiveness is sure. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Redeemer. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace and hope, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice! You are loved! Amen.

## BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: Let us bless the meal that we are about to receive.

One: God be with you!

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them up to God!**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High!

**Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Let us pray....

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

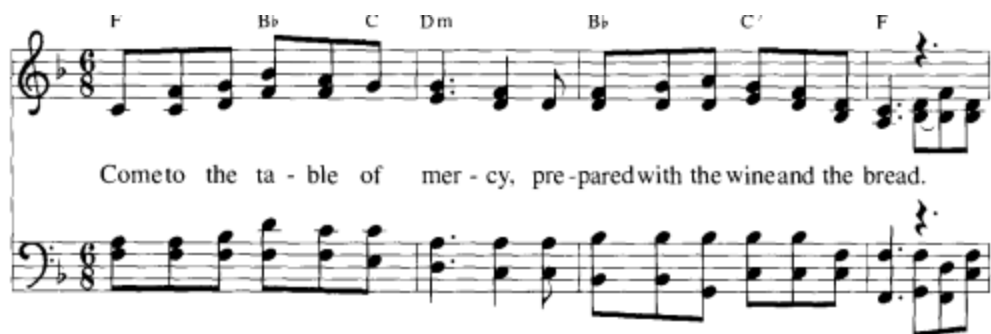
### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*This Sunday, Communion will be served by intinction. Please come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and receive both as you return to your seat. There are gluten free crackers available on each plate.*

### COMMUNION HYMN

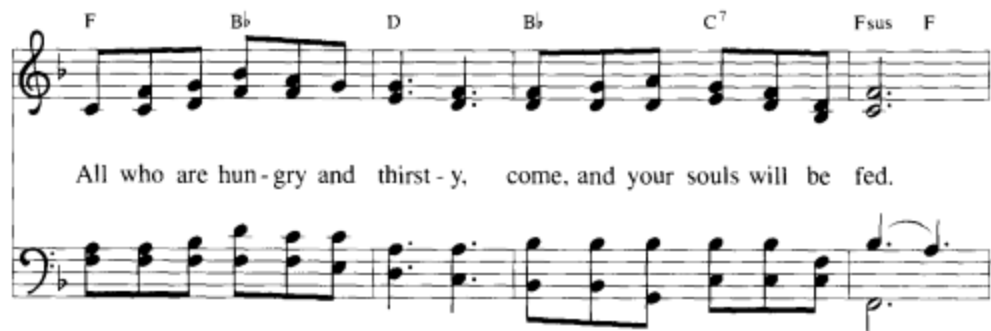
"Come to the Table"

F B♭ C Dm B♭ C' F



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

F B♭ D B♭ C<sup>7</sup> F<sup>sus</sup> F



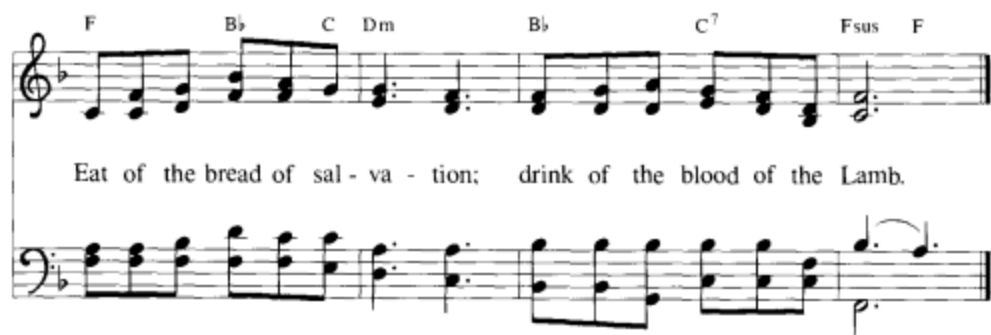
All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Am B♭M<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> Am Dm<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> Dm C



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

F B♭ C Dm B♭ C<sup>7</sup> F<sup>sus</sup> F



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

# CHOIR ANTHEM

"Now Thank We All Our God"

William A Pasch

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING DISMISSAL

Gospel Lesson

Revelation 1:4-7

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: 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 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 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 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.

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Not of this World"

Marcus Little

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Jesus Shall Reign"

NCH#300

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun  
 2 Through Christ shall end - less prayer be made,  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er Christ reigns;  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;  
 borne by the Spir - it's cease - less aid;  
 dwell on God's love with sweet - est song,  
 the pris - oners leap to lose their chains,  
 trib - utes of praise for all to sing;

God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore  
 Like sweet per - fume new hymns shall rise  
 And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim  
 The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,  
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 their ear - liest prayers in Je - sus' name.  
 all who suf - fer want are blessed.  
 and earth re - peat the loud a - men.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*During this time of Prayer, the names of those who have died in the past will be lifted up.*

## OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## OFFERING

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pastor

*Ushers will come forward to receive the offering.*

## THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOR

## OFFERTORY

### Doxology

All crea-tures lift your prais-es high! Praise God in earth and sea and sky;

in one great chor-us, all your days. Cre - a-tor, Christ, and Spi - rit praise. A-men.

CHARGE

Liturgist

SONG OF PARTING

"Now Thank We All Our God"

NCH#419

1 Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,  
1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,  
2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;  
Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,  
With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an  
Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our way  
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge - tan.  
With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Johann Sebastian Bach/Arr. Virgil Fox