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## **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

**November 20, 2022**

**10 AM**



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.

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**Welcome to worship!**  
**While indoors,**  
**please continue to mask and social distance.**

**PRELUDE**      Adagio in e minor      Giovanni Battista Pergolesi  
Lisa Steinberg, Violin

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

***Please stand to face the baptismal font.***  
***All may make the sign of the cross as Pastor begins:***

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C. Amen.**

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

P. Most merciful God,

**C. we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.**

**We have ignored voices that call for your justice.**

**We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.**

**We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**

**We truly repent of things we have done and left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness,**

**follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ.**

**Amen.**

P. Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out,  
and restores us to life through the death  
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN****Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor****LBW 172**

1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, first - be -  
 2 Though the low - liest form now veil you as of  
 3 Pas - chal Lamb, your of - f'ring, fin - ished once for  
 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, strick - en



got - ten from the dead, you a - lone, our strong de -  
 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there your an - gels  
 all when you were slain, in its full - ness un - di -  
 rock with stream - ing side, heav'n and earth with loud ho -



fend - er, lift - ing up your peo - ple's head. Al - le -  
 hail you, branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le -  
 min - ished shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le -  
 san - na wor - ship you, the Lamb who died, Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! cleans - ing souls from  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
 join with them; we in wor - ship join with them.  
 ev - 'ry stain; cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.  
 glo - ri - fied; ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Text: George H. Bourne, 1840–1925

Music: BRYN CALFARIA, William Owen, 1814–1893

**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

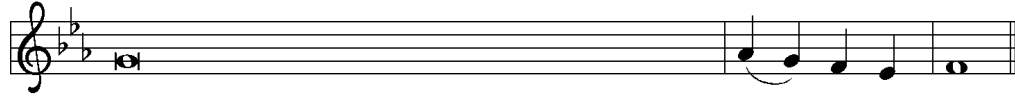
Robert Prowse, Cantor



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



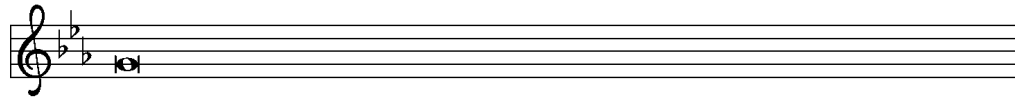
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



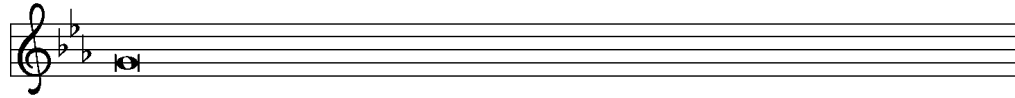
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray.

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.

**C. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING:               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.*

A. A reading from Jeremiah, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 46****READ RESPONSIVELY**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

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

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold 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.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**SECOND READING****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.*

A. A reading from Colossians, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**Please stand.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Verse**

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first ‘ and the last,  
the beginning ‘ and the end. (Rev. 22:13)

**ALL REPEAT THE ALLELUIAS.**

## 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 sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.*

P. The Holy Gospel According to Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.  
C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>[[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P. The Gospel of the Lord.  
C. **Praise to you, O Christ**

**ALL REPEAT THE ALLELUIAS.**



*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Niederer

*Silence for Meditation*

*Please stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us*

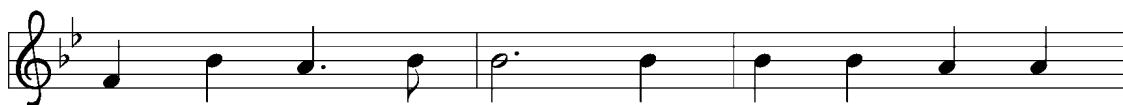
ELW 431



1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our  
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -  
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver  
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose  
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that  
all, you said the first must be the last and  
nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to  
we might rise and live. To break the law of  
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,  
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you  
death you came, the law of love to bring: a  
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for  
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.  
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824-1902

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## **NICENE CREED**

A. Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the Nicene Creed.

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Lynn Buckingham*

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

### ***A brief silence.***

We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our partners in ministry here in Teaneck, in the Meadowlands Cluster, the Northern Mission District, the New Jersey Synod, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the wider Christian Community, our friends from Light and Peace Mission in Haiti, and people of faith everywhere, as they live out their calling to serve and welcome the stranger in your name. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who are homeless, naked, hungry, or sick especially for those we pray for in silence or aloud (*pause*). Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Guide our pastor/s, deacon/s, and council members in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

### ***Here other intercessions may be offered.***

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith. Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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

**C. Amen.**

**PEACE**        *Please stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.*

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

**C. And also with you.**

**OFFERING**        *Please place your offering in the plate located on the table  
at the back of the sanctuary before or after Worship.*

*Please sit.*

**SOLO AT THE OFFERING**

Meinem Jesum laß ich nicht                      Johann Sebastian Bach  
*(I will not leave my Jesus)*  
from Cantata 98, Was Gott tut, das ist wohl getan  
*(What God does, that is done well)*

Robert Prowse, Baritone  
Lisa Steinberg, Violin

Meinen Jesum laß ich nicht,  
Bis mich erst sein Angesicht  
Wird erhören oder segnen.  
Er allein  
Soll mein Schutz in allem sein,  
Was mir Übels kann begegnen.

I will not leave my Jesus,  
until first he  
will hear or bless me.  
He alone  
will be my protection in all  
the evil I may meet.

*Please stand.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A. Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C. Amen.**

## 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.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THE PREFACE

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Please kneel or be seated.***

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P. Holy mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
Blessed and broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this  
cup we proclaim the mystery of faith;

**C. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P. Pour out upon us and this bread and cup the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

## **LORDS PRAYER**

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we say the prayer Jesus has taught us:

**C. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Christ spreads a table before you.

Gather here with all the saints.

Come to the table where all are welcome.



## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



## CONTINUOUS COMMUNION

***Please stay seated until the person in front of you has received the wafer.  
Continue to mask until after you have received the wafer & cup  
and have stepped away from the communion tray.***

***A tray with individual cups is located in front of each pew section.  
The center contains purple grape juice.  
White wine is in the remainder of the tray.  
After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section.***

*Baptized Christians who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not yet been baptized or have never before received Holy Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Fold your arms across your chest to let the Pastor know that you wish to receive a blessing.*

***Please stand.***

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

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

C. Amen.





## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 204



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Let us pray:

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

## BLESSING

P. The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C. AMEN.

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**LBW 170**



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose pow'r a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flow'rs of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903  
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey 1816–1893

**DISMISSAL**

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

**C. Thanks be to God.**

***Please be seated.***

**POSTLUDE**

Violin Concerto in D Major, RV 230  
*Allegro*

Antonio Vivaldi

Lisa Steinberg, Violin

+ + +

**OUR SPECIAL THANKS TODAY  
TO**

Robert Prowse, Cantor  
Lisa Steinberg, Violin  
Fred Lewis, Greeter  
Janet Thalmann, Liturgist & Reader  
Lynn Buckingham, Prayers of Intercession  
Sue Papera, Altar Guild



**No Bible Study This Week**



**ON TUESDAY**  
**November 22, at 7:30 PM**

*In-Person at Grace & Live-streamed*

**PLEASE BRING NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS**

*Canned or Packaged*  
*Place at the back of the church*

**OFFERINGS**

Nonperishable Food will be donated to Christ Church Food Pantry  
Money offerings will be donated to Future Forward for Haiti  
To help feed the children of Haiti



## **WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS AT NOON**

*“A Shared Contemplative Advent Worship Series”*  
Nov 30, Dec 7, 14,  
“Blue Christmas” Dec 21

**Held Each Week In-Person at  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
167 Palisade Ave, Bogota  
Please Mask & Social Distance.**

**SOUP & SANDWICHES FOLLOWING WORSHIP**  
Stay or Grab ‘n Go

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Pastor Peggy Niederer – Grace, Teaneck  
Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Pastor Danielle McCleary – St. Matthew, Secaucus  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Pastor Lisa Holliday – Trinity, Bogota



## **DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> after Mass



**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT MASS DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> - 9 PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> - 11 AM**

**NOTE: 11 AM time is for Christmas Day only.**



## PRAYERS

Carol Weber; Doris Baumann (Carol's mom); Katie Wolfe recovering from a brain aneurism (Carol's cousin); Donald Lazlear and his family (Zulema's friends); Katie (Zulema's niece), Surella (Katie's mom), and Frank Borowski (Katie's dad), and aunt; Enrique Perez (Jack's father-in-law); Marc Yaffe (Leslyn's and Michael's son); Melanie M. (Julie's friend); John Fiore, Sr. (Julie's friend with cancer); Susan Bethke (Lynn's cousin undergoing chemo and other treatment for a brain tumor); Nancy McCabe (Lynn's sister-in-law who has COPD); Arlene Rizzo (Sue's friend undergoing cancer treatments) and Arlene's family; Chris Palmer (Sue Papera's friend who has health concerns); Ron Barlotta (Sue's sister's brother-in-law being treated for cancer); Caleb (Sue's friend with mental health issues); Jenny L. (Sue's friend with health issues); Jason and Paul Thalmann (Janet's nephew and brother); Kathy Obtain (a co-worker of Janet Thalmann's sister-in-law); Mark Crovatto (Al's son); Susan Beever (Mary Ellen's friend); Dominick Capalba (Mary Ellen's 6 year old friend with brain cancer); Jessica and Casey O'Neil (Kay Roseen's daughter and son-in-law) who work for the State Department; Dan and John Steffen (Lorli's brothers with health concerns); Tammy (Lorli's niece who has an immune disorder); James Ilgenfritz (Erika's son); Gerry Schlask (health concerns); Kevin (a friend of the congregation undergoing treatment for cancer); Chris Niederer (Pastor's son with immune system disorder); Cathyann (Pastor's friend from seminary with pancreatic cancer); Dennis Keohane (Catherine's uncle); Charlie and Mary Lewis (Fred's brother and sister-in-law with health concerns); the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan and those who are providing resources and care for refugees; front line workers, medical researchers; health experts, national and regional officials; those affected by natural disasters and wildfires.

**Let Lynn or Pastor know of any changes needed in the prayer list.**



## **COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100**

**Wednesday, November 23, 2022**

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

**Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927**

**Wednesday, November 23, 2022**

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

**Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894;  
pastors in North America**

**Thursday, November 24, 2022**

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

**Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748**

**Friday, November 25, 2022**

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

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