



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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The Word of God

Welcome

To God Be The Glory (v 1&2)

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Celebrant Blessed be God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY *(all)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: ***Christ, have mercy.***

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: ***Amen.***

THE LESSONS

2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done.
So loved He the world that He gave us his Son.
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the earth hear His voice.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the people rejoice.

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory great things He has done.

Great things He has taught us, great things He had done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.
But purer and higher and greater will be,
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

(chorus)

Come Thou Fount

Come though fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be.
Let thy grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

*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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant pronounces this blessing:

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: *Amen.*

Come Thou Fount (v1 & 2)

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Please remain in place for a group photo before joining in the parish hall for a potluck lunch and fellowship.

Notice to St. Mark's members: If you have a completed pledge card, please put it in an envelope and place it in the alms basin beside the first pew; give it to Fr. Alan or Dcn Willetta; or in baskets provided in the parish hall as you join us for the potluck lunch.

Childcare for today's service is available, as follows:

Children 3&under will be in the nursery;

*Children 12&under will be in Sunday school classrooms on the second floor,
accessible by stairs just inside the side entrances or by elevator. (see map on back)*

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by

Paul and Denise DiGiafrancesco in thanksgiving for their anniversary

Psalm 132:1-13 *(in unison)*

1 Lord, remember David, *

and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the Lord *

and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," *

nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *

nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the Lord, *

a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *

we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *

let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, *

you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *

let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, *

do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David; *

in truth, he will not break it:

12 "A son, the fruit of your body *

will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL *(Stand)*

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John 18:33-37

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your 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."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

HOMILY

The Rev. Alan Akridge
St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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 to the dead.

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.

WELCOME

Welcome to new and extended church family and announcement.

MUSICAL SELECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lay Reader: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers. In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding

Lay Reader: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole. Bless all who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Lay Reader: Grant to all who seek you, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or dependent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Lay Reader: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Lay Reader: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, in our church, and in the world;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, giver of life and health: Hear the prayers of your people for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

People: *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

(The Ministers and People greet one another)

DISTRIBUTION OF CROWNS

The people will receive their crowns from the children as they come into the service to be with their family.

THE 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.