**Worship Plan for Sunday, November 25, 2018**

**SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP –**

Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness.

**We come with our hopes and dreams**

We meet God here in this place, the God of our past, present, and future.

**We come with our hopes and dreams**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE, NOW THE FEAST** *Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)*

**LITANY OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

We call out to you, Holy One, asking you to forgive us all that we have done wrong, and claim us again as yours alone.

**Do not turn your face from us, O God**

We are sorry,

For the times when we have not been a good witness to the reign of Christ in our world,

For the times when we have resisted the rule of Christ in our daily lives

For the times when we have lost ourselves to lesser gods

For the times when we have not taken action to meet the needs of others in your name

And for the times when our actions and inactions have prevented others from experiencing the glory of life in your reign.

**Do not turn your face from us, O God. Amen**

Friends in Christ, God forgives us – always and unconditionally.

We are lifted up from where we have fallen, and set free upon a new path.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

**CHOIR ANTHEM Crown Him with Many Crowns**

*The first reading is read by the lay assistant)***THE first lesson**:  2 Samuel 23:1-7

A reading from the book of the second book of Samuel:

23Now 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:

2The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue.

3The 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,

4is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

5Is 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?

6But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

7to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE Second lesson**:  **Revelation 1:4b-8**

A reading from Revelation.

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,

5and 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,

6and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7Look! 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.

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

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(The gospel is read by the pastor)*

**GOSPEL: John 18:33-37**

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters[\*](javascript:void(0);) again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’

34Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’

35Pilate 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?’

36Jesus 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.’

37Pilate 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.’

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY Come, Ye Thankful People, Come, (ELW 693, vs 1, 2, 4)**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** A Story For All People (vs 4)

*(The pastor reads the introduction and the ending, the lay assistant reads indented petitions.)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Almighty God, you love us and free us through the death and resurrection of your Son. Lead your church through the gospel. Bless pastors, deacons, musicians, teachers, and all who speak your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You reveal your goodness through the majesty of your creation. Bring favorable weather to places affected by drought or storms, protect plants and animals from devastation, and guide us in our use of all natural resources.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You desire justice in the world. Grant to courts wise and discerning judges, attorneys, and public defenders, and guide the rulers of nations to bring about peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You are our beginning and end. Soothe the afflicted, comfort the distressed, console the bereaved, and heal the sick *especially….*

…and others for whom we now pray, either aloud or in silence now.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You call us to serve our neighbors. Nourish us with word and sacrament so that we serve as your hands and feet in the world. Protect those who are traveling, and bless those who are unable to attend worship today.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Your dominion is forever and ever. We give thanks for the faithful departed, who live with the saints of all ages in your infinite love.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

O God of justice and love,

we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and bring all the world to your feast.

For, in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,   
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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit; in our gathering; within this meal;   
and among your people throughout the world;   
even as we pray in the words of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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;**

**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, forever and ever.   
Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**COMMUNION**

*(The prayer after communion is read by the lay assistant)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy and compassionate God,

in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous.

May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness,

that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world,

through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer

**Amen.**

**Blessing**The love of God surround you;

The grace of + Christ release you;

And the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength,

Now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song**

*(The dismissal is given by the lay assistant)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Good News.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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