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W O R S H I P

8:15am – Traditional
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10:30am - Contemporary

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*"Raising Up
Families and Followers
of Jesus Christ"*

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 21, 2021
8:15 AM



"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father..." Mark 13:32

RETURN OF THE KING

AS WE GATHER

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is here as we prepare to celebrate the return of Christ our King. When will it be? How will we know so that we are ready? There are the signs in nature, the sight of the Son of Man, and the angels. For these things, we keep an eye on the sky while we watch and wait, living our lives under God's grace as His righteousness draws near.

+ PREPARATION +

804 O WORSHIP THE KING *sts. 1-4*



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

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INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 51:4, 6; Psalm 39:7; 93:2, 5; Mark 13:33*

Pastor Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation; for a law will go out from Me, and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples.

Congregation And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You.

Pastor Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.

Congregation Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

Pastor Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Congregation Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

804 O WORSHIP THE KING *st. 5*

5 Frail chil - dren of dust and fee - ble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
Our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend!

The musical score is written on four staves, each beginning with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are as follows:
Staff 1: Quarter notes (F#, A, C, E), half note (G), quarter notes (F#, A, C), half note (E).
Staff 2: Quarter notes (F#, A, C, E), quarter note (F#), quarter notes (A, C), eighth notes (E, F#), quarter note (G), half note (F#).
Staff 3: Quarter notes (F#, A, C, E), quarter notes (F#, A, C), quarter notes (E, F#, A), half note (C).
Staff 4: Quarter notes (F#, A, C, E), quarter notes (F#, A, C), quarter notes (E, F#, A), quarter note (C), ending with a double bar line.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Luke 23:42; Philippians 1:6*

Pastor As we live in the last days, waiting for Jesus to return, we are called to remember His promises and that we are His people. Yet, sometimes we forget what He has asked us to do. As God's beloved, we are called to build ourselves up in our most holy faith.

Congregation **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect being built up by Your Word and Spirit. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor As God's beloved, we are urged to pray in the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to converse with You in prayer and to guide our prayer life according to Your Word and Your will. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor As God's beloved, we are urged to keep ourselves in the love of God.

Congregation **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to remember our Baptism. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor As God's beloved, we are urged to wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to embrace the mercy that is ours in You as we look forward to Your return. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor As God's beloved, we are urged to have mercy on those who doubt.

Congregation **Lord Jesus, we confess that we fail to love others as You have first loved us. Forgive us and remember us.**

Pastor As God's beloved, we are urged to share our faith with others.

Congregation **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect opportunities to share Your saving grace with others. Forgive us and remember us.**

Silence for private confession

Pastor As Jesus was on the cross, the thief next to Him asked, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." As Jesus remembered the thief, He remembers you are His beloved child, and He remembers your sin no more. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus the Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

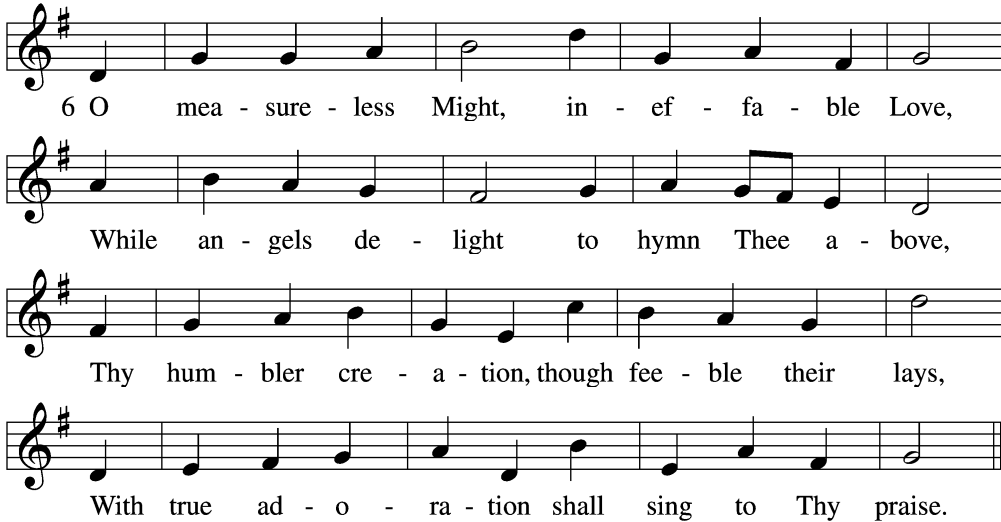
Congregation **Amen.**

Pastor And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Congregation **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

+ WORD +

804 O WORSHIP THE KING *st. 6*



6 O mea - sure - less Might, in - ef - fa - ble Love,
While an - gels de - light to hymn Thee a - bove,
Thy hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,
With true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to Thy praise.

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SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray. Lord God,

Congregation You reign, robed in majesty over all that was, is, and will be. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. As we wait for Your triumphant return, keep us steadfast in the one true faith and lead us to live lives that reflect Your presence so that You may work through us as You save others by snatching them from the fire;

Pastor through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 51:4–6*

⁴“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws

near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Jude 20–25*

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Revelation 22:13*

Pastor Alleluia.

Congregation I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Pastor Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 13:24–37*

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this

generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

508 THE DAY IS SURELY DRAWING NEAR



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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SERMON

NICENE CREED

Congregation I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus, You reign, robed in majesty. Keep us awake, alert, and blameless as we wait for Your return so we may join You in Your kingdom. Your salvation will be forever,

Congregation **and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.**

Pastor As we make our pilgrimage through this world, we are attacked in heart, soul, strength, and mind. We remember those among us who are struggling, [*especially . . .*], and we place them in Your healing hands. Your salvation will be forever,

Congregation **and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.**

Pastor You are the Lord of all and the ruler above all rulers. Give wisdom to those who govern our country. Guide and protect those who serve as first responders in our communities. Your salvation will be forever,

Congregation **and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.**

Pastor As You have saved us and brought us to faith in You, work Your saving work through us and all of Your missionary people around the globe so others experience Your mercy. Your salvation will be forever,

Congregation **and Your righteousness will never be dismayed. Amen.**

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+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

Congregation **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord God, King of the universe, for You are the ruler of all things and are enthroned in majesty. As we lift our eyes to the heavens, we are reminded that You came to earth in the person of Your Son, Jesus, who came to give us life to the fullest through His perfect life, death, and resurrection. As we watch and wait for His return, we thank You for Your Spirit, who calls us by the Gospel, enlightens us with His gifts, makes us holy, and keeps us in the one true faith. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!” all the saints in
glo - ry Fill Your tem - ple with their song a -
round Your gold - en throne; “Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly!” with them we a - dore You;
God in three per - sons, all in Christ as one.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Blessed are You, the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, for You have had mercy on us and given Yourself so that whoever believes in You will not perish but have life everlasting with You in Your kingdom.

In Your righteous judgment, You condemned Adam and Eve's sin and have rightly judged their rebellious children. Yet, in Your great mercy, You have promised salvation through the sacrifice of Your life on the cross and Your glorious resurrection.

Thank You for the Table You have set for us with the very body and blood of Jesus, the Christ. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully enjoy the fruits of His labors and be presented blameless before the presence of Your glory with great joy. To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

Congregation **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation **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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation **Amen.**

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

617 O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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810 O GOD OF GOD, O LIGHT OF LIGHT



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and
 2 For deep in proph - ets' sa - cred page, And grand in po - ets'
 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
 4 Then raise to Christ a might - y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo - ry bright The song of
 wing-ed word, Slow - ly in type, from age to age The na - tions
 hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a - bove He reigns, our
 mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,
 saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night
 King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates!
 earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry
 Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first-born
 So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your
 For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.
 sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.
 King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.
 throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor Let us pray.

O Lord, our righteousness and our salvation, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

Congregation Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end;

Pastor through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

BENEDICTION

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

525 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS



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
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



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.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys-tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an-gels in the sky Can ful-ly bear that sight, But
His glo-ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man-y crowns As thrones be-fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e-ter-ni-ty.
root whence mer-cy ev-er flows, The babe of Beth-le-hem.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys-ter-ies so bright.
died e-ter-nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man-y crowns, For He is king of all.

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