

Sunday of Fulfillment
CHRIST THE KING
November 23, 2025

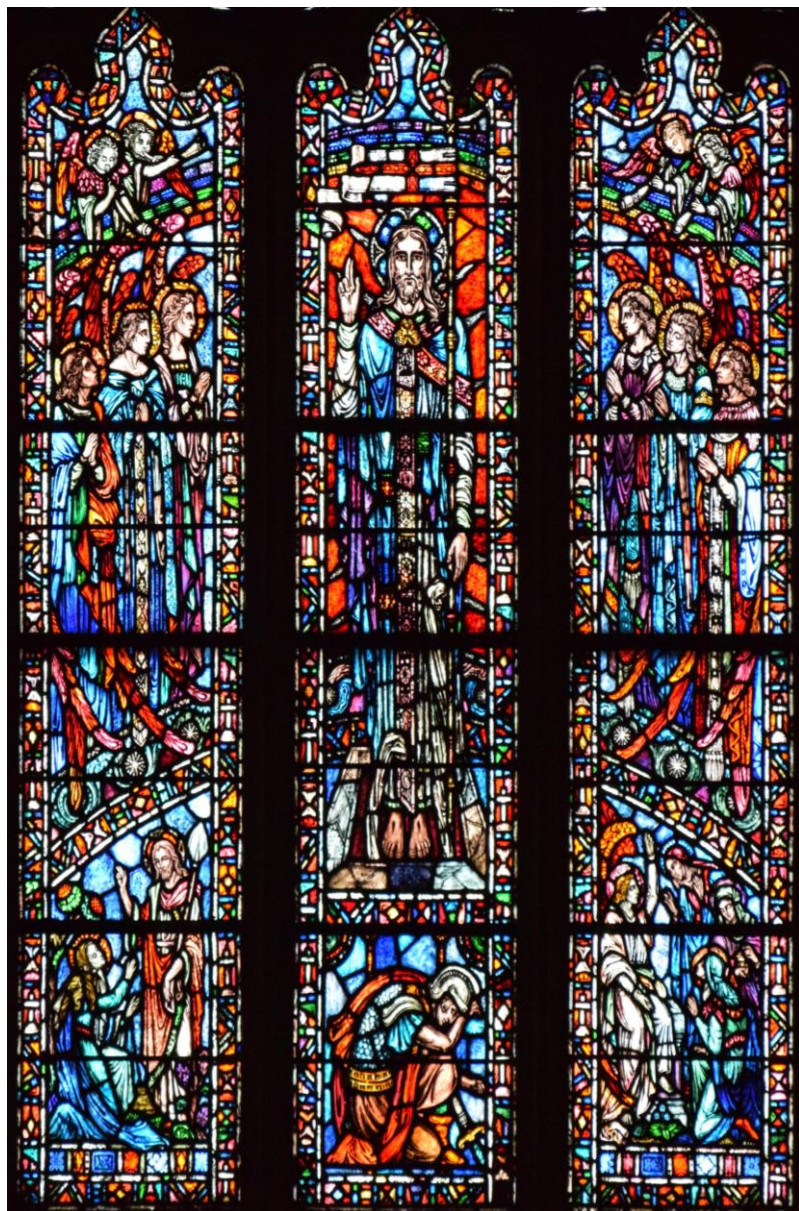


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PRELUDE

“Procession to the Cathedral (Lohengrin)”

Richard Wagner

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

LW 179



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a -
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, The God of truth and
3 His King - dom can - not fail; He rules o'er earth and
4 He sits at God's right hand Till all His foes sub -
dore; Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph
love; When He had purged our stains, He took His
heav'n; The keys of death and hell Are to our
mit And bow to His com - mand And fall be -
ev - er - more: Lift up your heart, lift up your
seat a - bove: Lift up your heart, lift up your
Je - sus giv'n: Lift up your heart, lift up your
neath His feet: Lift up your heart, lift up your
voice; Re - joice; a - gain I say, Re - joice!

INVOCATION *Mt 28:19b*

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

People:  Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Col 1:13; Lk 23:42*

Pastor: God has delivered us from the domain of darkness

People: **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.**

Pastor: Jesus, remember me.

People: **Remember me when You come into Your kingdom.**

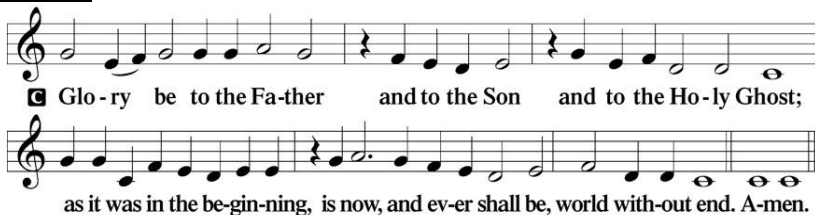
THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Luke 21:18-19*

- Pastor: As we look forward to the final victory of faith, let us draw near to God, confessing our sins that we may remain as Christ's own beloved possession.
- People: **Merciful God, we confess that the darkness of sin still makes us fear Your judgment and punishment. Send us Your light, the forgiveness in Your Son, our Lord Jesus, that we may be raised to the confidence of His victory for us and for our salvation.**
- Pastor: "In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." *Col 1:14, adapted*
Upon this, your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I proclaim that all your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- People: ♪ **Amen.**

THE INTROIT *Ps 39:4, 7-8, 12a, Antiphon, 2 Peter 3:13b*

Pastor/Choir: We are waiting for new heavens and a new earth. O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am! And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you. Deliver me from all my transgressions. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;

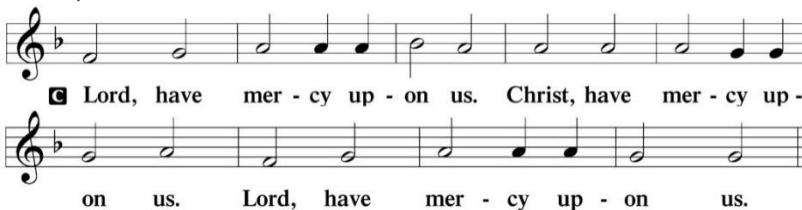
THE GLORIA PATRI



♩ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE KYRIE *Mt 9:27, 15:22*

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♩ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Splendor and Honor"

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1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry



a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

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THE SALUTATION 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



■ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Malachi 3:13-18

(Invitation for a faltering faith.)

¹³ "Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' ¹⁴You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evil-doers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷"They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Colossians 1:13-20

(The preeminence of Christ.)

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM @9am

"Crown Him King of Kings"

*J. S. Bach
The Cathedral Choir*

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:27-43

(The King and His Kingdom)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

People:



²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



THE NICENE CREED

**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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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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.

SERMON

"Behold Your God"

Colossians 1:19

*Rev. Ronald Guettler, Cathedral Pastor
 Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

OFFERTORY Ps 51:10-12

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♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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VOLUNTARY

"Lift High the Cross"

Jeffrey Honoré

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

10:30am continues with the Benediction

† The Order of Holy Communion † @9am

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:



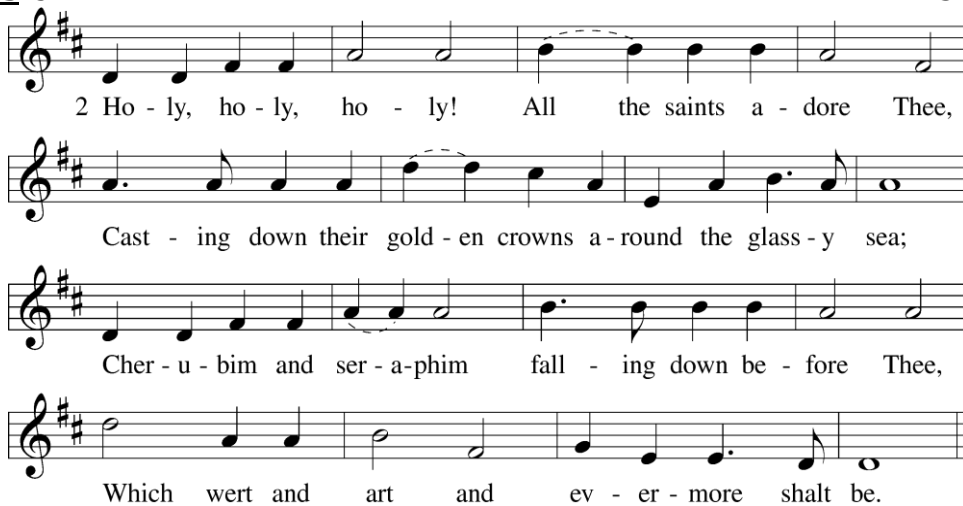
☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor:

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for You sent Your only Son to die for the sins of the world and rise again to new life. You also promise that He will return as King in glory on the Last Day to raise us to everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *Is 6:3*

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2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

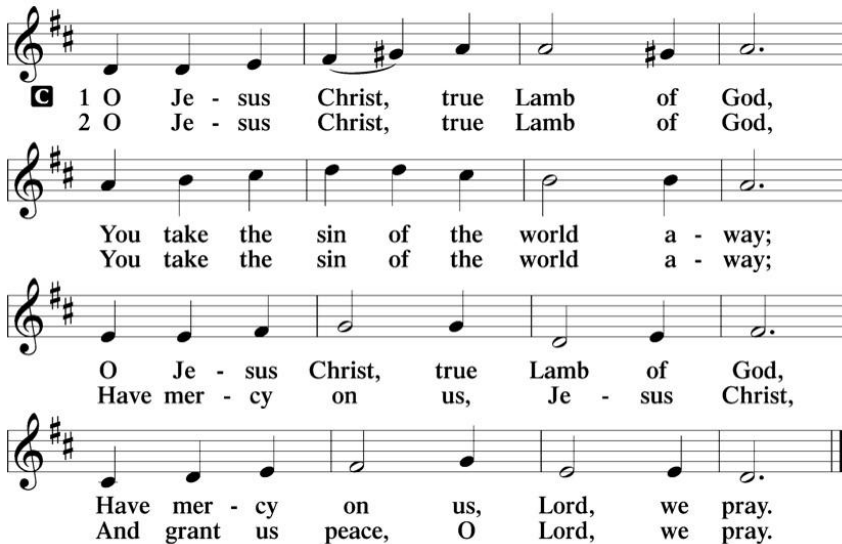
THE PAX DOMINI *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People:  Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

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1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

*For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.
Communion will take place in two continuous lines at the altar.*

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

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1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
 2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
 4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and

thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of
 chant and song, Through gate and porch and

wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,
 As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
 The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

△ Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore:
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

NUNC DIMITTIS Lk 2:29-32

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♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all
 people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Your mercy, O Lord, is from everlasting to everlasting. We give You thanks for the gift of mercy and love which You have given us in this blessed foretaste of the great eternal feast which is to come. Keep us strong in faith and love, protect us from all harm and danger, and bring us at the end into Your eternal home; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ Amen.

BENEDICTION Num 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: 
A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

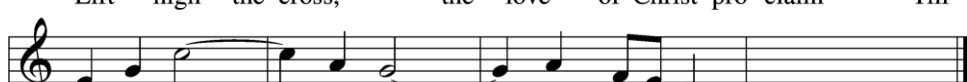
"Lift High the Cross"

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Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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POSTLUDE

"March Royale"

Jean-Baptiste Lully