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November 22, 2020 Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday (on-line worship service)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASTORAL GREETING

VIRTUAL PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

“Prayer of Thanksgiving”

arr. Dale Wood

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come”

The PNC Candidate

HYMN

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

#612

Music: *Welsh Melody, 1784*

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1970, alt., © 1970 Hope Publishing Company

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

*For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, thanks be to God.*

For the just reward of labor, God’s will be done

In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will be done.

*In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will be done.*

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

*For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Henry Augustine

Most holy and gracious God, you who love us and call us forward, we come to you in this hour. We know we are always welcomed by you, and yet at times we choose loneliness. We know you are the author of forgiveness, and yet at times we choose crippling guilt. We know you compel us to bear witness to your goodness, and yet at times we keep the light hidden. We know that you have promised to show us the way ahead, and yet at times we close our eyes and do not look for the path.

Receive our confession and renew our lives. Grant us the sure presence of your welcome, forgiveness, glory, and direction once again. This we pray through Jesus our Christ. AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ Jesus. And Jesus lived, healed, died, and was resurrected for us. He intercedes on our behalf and assures us that nothing in this life can separate us from his love. We are a free and forgiven people this day. Thanks be to God.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ORGAN MEDITATION *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*
setting by Wayne Wold, setting © 2010 Augsburg Fortress

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 12:1-4 (ESV)

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Gospel of John 20 (ESV)

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

#268

Music: George Job Elvey, 1868

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1851

***Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.***

***Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.***

***Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.***

***His glories now we sing, who dies and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.***

***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.***

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Friends, as you go forth this day into the land that God will show you, know these things:

The Spirit goes before you to show you the path

God is behind you to protect you on the way

Christ walks beside you as you go

Love lives within you and the fellowship of the faithful will be your companions

Go now into a blessed future as you love and serve the Lord

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. John Ferguson