

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

Today is Christ the King Sunday when we contemplate the nature of Christ's rule in our lives and in the world from the throne of grace and mercy. If you are able, join the congregation with your own worship at home **at 10am on Sunday** or otherwise engage our home worship resources in ways appropriate to your circumstances.

RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Christ the King
November 22, 2020
Our Common Prayer at Home**

You may choose to participate in this home prayer simply by using this text, or by adding into it the printed text of Pastor Linman's sermon, or by adding one or more of the clip-based worship videos, or by engaging the entire worship video. Find a peaceful place to pray, perhaps a table. You may wish to light a candle near where you pray. One person may lead in this acclamation and then pray the Prayer of the Day.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the water-courses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be ruler among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

This Psalm is sung or read in response to the First Reading. Music may be found at:
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PSALM 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.

³For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

^{7a}For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of God's great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at the right hand of Power in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And God has put all things under the feet of Christ and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is the body of Christ, the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ³¹“When the Son-of-Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴“Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the dominion prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you

clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and the devil’s angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Having read these readings, think of this:

The parable judges us: we have not always given food and drink to the hungry and thirsty, welcome to the stranger, nor help to the naked, sick, and imprisoned. But God is also full of mercy. Indeed, this Sunday comes to show us who this God really is: the one whom Jesus calls Father, who passionately cares for the world and gathers the scattered and injured of the people, including us, judging all rulers who misuse the weak; the one shepherd Jesus Christ who, in his cross, identifies with all the wretched poor and remains as close to us as the closest needy person; and the Spirit who gives us wisdom to know this one God and who mercifully makes of us a community — the church — to bear witness in the world. This Sunday of the Last Judgment is also a kind of Trinity Sunday, a revelation of the one God who fills all in all. Such good news comes to us in the word, like food for a hungry flock, turning us again away from fear in a difficult time to care for our needy neighbor, helping us to be more “sheep” than “goats.”

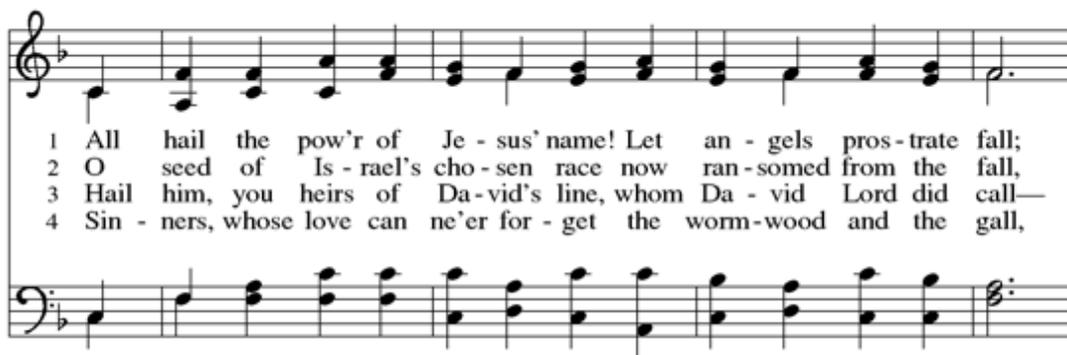
At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Christ the King sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at:

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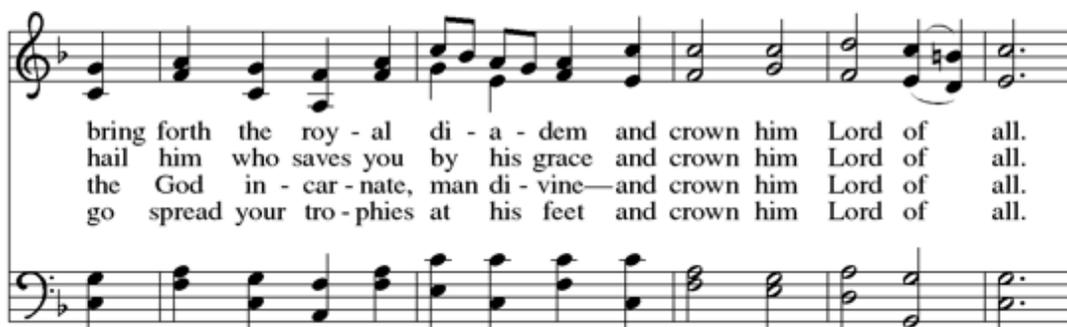
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HYMN OF THE DAY #634

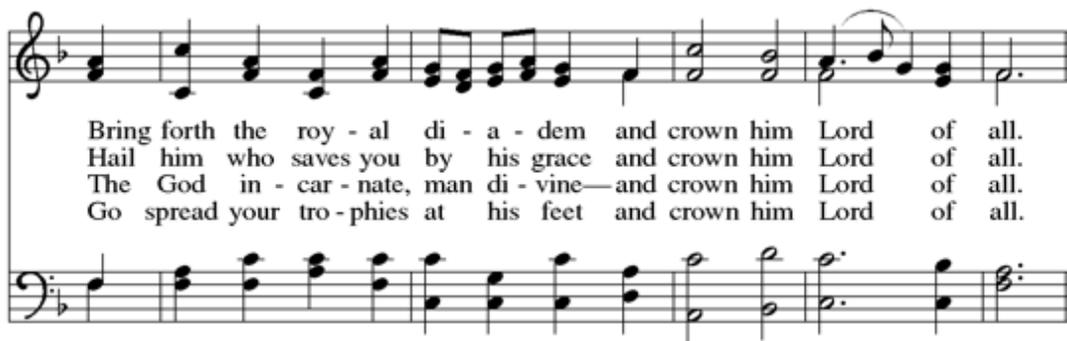
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Then pray these intercessions:

On this the last Sunday of the church year, let us pray to see God's reign in the church, in the world, and with all in need, responding to each petition with the words "In mercy, receive our prayers."

A brief silence.

Great God, we praise you for sustaining the church through another year of grace. Continue to shepherd your people with your tender care. Sustain the social ministries of the body of Christ, and increase ecumenical sharing of opportunities for ministry.

A brief silence.

You are the great and holy God:

In mercy, receive our prayers.

Sustain the world that you have made, the heights of the hills, the seas and the dry land. Guard the animals during the winter months, and direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all.

A brief silence.

You are the great and renewing God:

In mercy, receive our prayers.

Bring peace to every place where conflict rages, that your reign may be honored throughout the world. Be with the people of Armenia, Ethiopia, and Hong Kong. Bless the work of the United Nations and of agencies that promote the wellbeing of all peoples.

A brief silence.

You are the great and peacemaking God:

In mercy, receive our prayers.

Bring a peaceful conclusion to the American national elections. Bless all the newly elected officials with a love of concord and a desire for justice. Turn us away from historic prejudices, and show us your image in each of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

You are the great and reconciling God:

In mercy, receive our prayers.

Visit American homes on Thanksgiving Day. Keep gatherings safe from contagion. Even in our reduced celebrations, give us voices to offer thanks to you for your perpetual blessings.

A brief silence.

You are the great and generous God:

In mercy, receive our prayers.

We beg you to end the earth's pandemic. Bring healing to the millions who are suffering from the coronavirus – the sick, the dying, the despairing, the isolated, the unemployed, all exhausted medical workers. Guide researchers in developing a vaccine.

A brief silence.

You are the great and healing God:

In mercy, receive our prayers.

Show your loving power to all who are in need. Equip us to feed the hungry (*a brief silence*), to provide clean water for the thirsty (*a brief silence*), to welcome the stranger (*a brief silence*), to clothe the naked (*a brief silence*), to care for the sick (*a brief silence*), and to visit the prisoners (*a brief silence*). We pray especially for: Barb Jensen, Charlotte Boeck, Don Hansen, Gretchen Zeltner, Angie, Kyler, Debbie, Kat, Jeanne, Russ, Lynn Kiewel, John Beston, Frank Fuelling, and Jamie. *A brief silence.*

You are the great and gracious God:

In mercy, receive our prayers.

We appeal to you, Sovereign God, we who are like both the sheep and the goats, and we ask that in compassion you will hear the prayers of our own hearts.

A longer period of silence.

You are the great and loving God:

In mercy, receive our prayers.

We praise you for all the saints who have died in the faith, especially this week for the hymnwriter Isaac Watts, who gave us words to praise the reign of Christ. We pray especially for: Don Oaks. *A brief silence.* At the end of all things, bring us together with all the saints into your kingdom of joy.

A brief silence.

You are the great and eternal God:

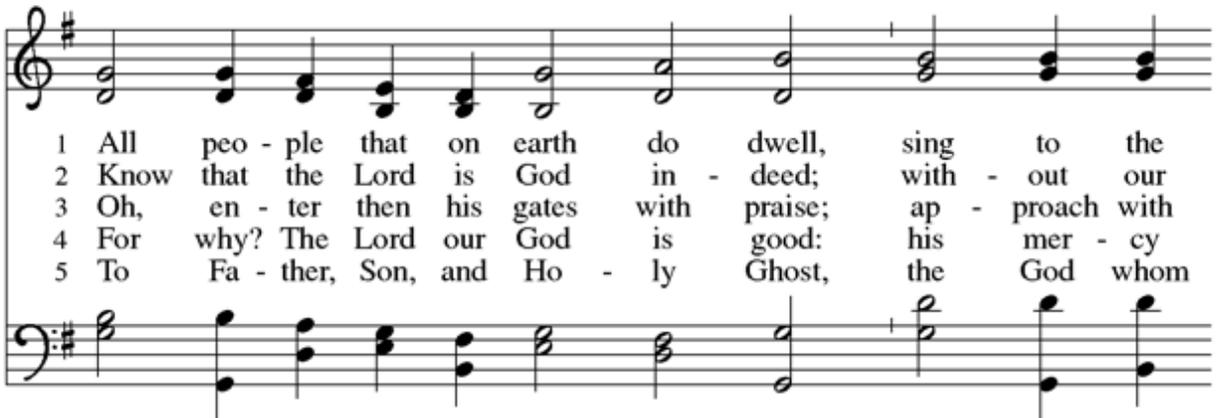
In mercy, receive our prayers.

Receive our prayers, O triune God: Father of glory, Lord Jesus Christ, and Spirit of wisdom, now and forever.

Amen.

Now read or sing the following Hymn. Accompaniment is at <https://www.relcarlinton.org/hw/20201122/playlist>

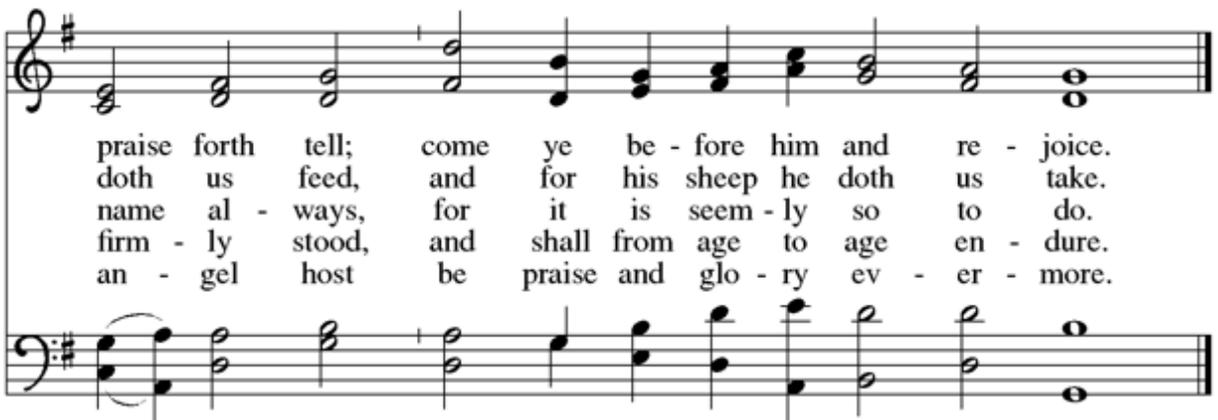
HYMN #883 All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Then conclude with these prayers:

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Glory to you, O God, for your creative Word:
making and mending all things,
evoking the cosmic hymn of praise,
and singing a love-song for your beloved:
your vineyard, your flock, your people.
With all creation we sing, Glory! **Glory!**

Blessed are you for your liberating Word:
speaking through Moses and the prophets,
encountered in the Gospels,
and proclaimed in the assembly:
your freedom, forgiveness, and life for the world.
With the whole world we say, Blessing! **Blessing!**

Holy are you, O God, for your living Word:
among us wherever we gather,
welcoming everyone to your feast,
and, with grace and generosity,
bringing to earth the kingdom of heaven.
With saints and angels, we cry, Holy! **Holy!**

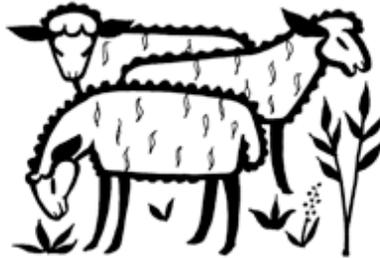
Clothe us in your loving Spirit,
flowing from the Crucified and Risen One,
and keep us awake to your presence
in the people and places you call us to serve.
Glory, praise, and blessing are yours, Holy God,
now and forever. Amen. **Amen**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Then speak the Blessing:

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.
Amen.



We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, at breakfast, lunch, or dinner, to celebrate that presence.

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let this food to us be blessed.
Blessed be God, who is our Bread,
may all the world be clothed and fed.**

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 9:1-14. **Tuesday** (commemoration of Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231) Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4. **Wednesday** Matthew 24:24-51. **Thursday** Psalm 95:1-7a. **Friday** Revelation 22:1-9. **Saturday** Matthew 12:46-50. **Christ the King** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.

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