

# **Last Sunday after Pentecost, Reign of Christ Holy Communion at Resurrection Lutheran Church November 21, 2021**

*The assembly gathers in seating in the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance and wearing face masks.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY:** *Ariette: Sainte-Chapelle*, Richard, Lloyd

## ***Confession and Forgiveness***

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy on us, O God.  
**We confess that we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbor.  
We have built walls instead of tables  
and have turned away the stranger.  
We have sought glory for ourselves  
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.  
Help us to love as you love,  
to welcome those you send,  
and to treasure mercy and justice.  
Turn us from our ways to your ways,  
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,  
forgives your sins for ✝ Jesus' sake  
and remembers them no more.  
Lift up your heads and your hearts.  
Yours is the kingdom of God. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN "Lift High the Cross" ELW 660***

# Lift High the Cross

*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 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956  
 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947  
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## *Greeting and Prayer of the Day*

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

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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.**

## ***First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14***

A reading from Daniel:

<sup>9</sup>As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One sat down on the throne,  
whose clothing was white as snow,  
the hair of whose head like pure wool;  
whose throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from the presence of the Ancient of Days,  
whom a thousand thousands served,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood in attendance.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One  
before whom he was presented.

<sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his reign is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## ***Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8***

A reading from Revelation:

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before God's throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the rulers of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a dominion, priests serving his God and Father, to Jesus Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! 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.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Gospel Acclamation***

*Alleluia sung by the assembly. Verse sung by the cantor.*

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name <sup>l</sup> of the Lord.\* Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an- <sup>l</sup> cestor David.

***Gospel: John 18:33-37***

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, “I am not Jewish, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus 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 Judeans. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup>Pilate 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.”

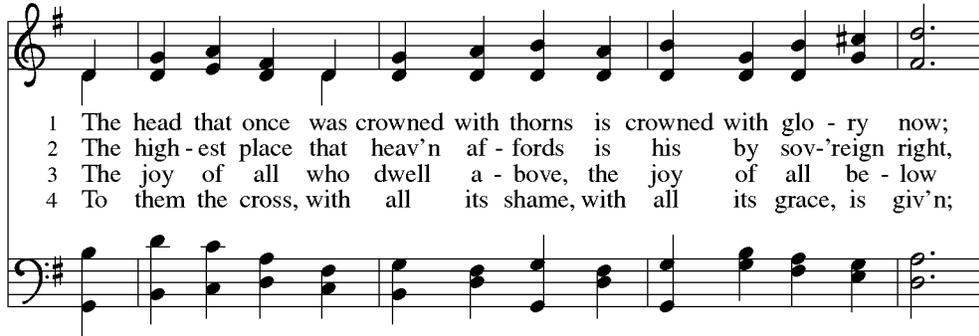
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

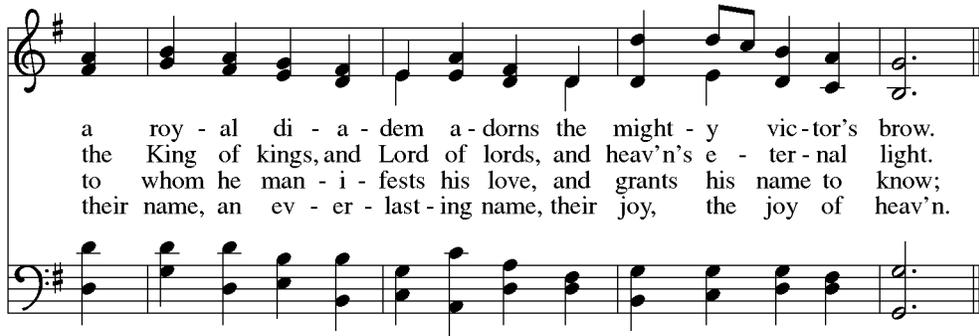
***Sermon***

***Hymn of the Day: “The Head that Once was Crowned” ELW 432***

## The Head That Once Was Crowned



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov'-reign right,  
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low  
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;



a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.  
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;  
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;  
they reign with him above;  
their profit and their joy to know  
the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855  
Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669-1707

## *Prayers of Intercession*

As we conclude this year of grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need, responding to each petition with the words “Hear our prayer.”

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers. Fill their words and actions with the truth of your compassion and kindness. Increase throughout the church the study of and love for your Scriptures. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing to flourish. Guard ancient trees and wild grasses, endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for what you have made. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. We pray for the members of international alliances, that they choose a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions. Guide our national leaders in allocating federal funds so as to benefit the common good. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially the ministries here in Arlington. Renew them in their work, and inspire us all to contribute our support for their work. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son to show us how to love one another. We pray for our fellow Americans at this time of Thanksgiving. Accompany all who will spend the day alone; comfort all who are mourning; bless families and friends who gather with your Spirit of kindness and forbearance; and embrace all who have little to be thankful for. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to give life in all times and places. We pray for Native Americans in all their needs, for all persons who have suffered under national prejudices, and for all who are sick and suffering, especially . . . .

1. Roy Guenther
2. Nancy MacDonald
3. Bob MacDonald
4. Grant Aldonas
5. Norm Olsen
6. Ellie Barnes
7. Judy Frank
8. Effie Stallsmith
9. Malcolm Stark
10. Barb Jensen
11. Charlotte Boeck
12. Lynn Kiewel
13. Phillip Swingler
14. Maria Liwski
15. Tucker Dean
16. Irene Belcher
17. Sharon Kravetz
18. Analyse, Ramon, and Nicky Villatoro
19. John and Anneliese Arnold
20. Julie Bates
21. The family of Janette Wray
22. The family of John Showman

Join their prayers with ours, and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## *Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The assembly greets each other with Christ's Peace by bowing to each other, waving, or offering another appropriate gesture. For continued safety, please refrain from handshakes and hugs.*

**Choir Anthem:** "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" Carl Schalk

## *Offering and Setting the Table*

*While the table is set for Holy Communion, members of the assembly may prepare to bring their offering forward when ushers invite them to come to the chancel where baskets are available to receive your gift. Communion ministers will sanitize and cleanse their hands prior to handling the gifts of bread and wine.*

## *Offering Prayer*

Holy God,  
the earth is yours and everything in it,  
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.  
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,  
and strengthen us to be your body for the world  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Dialogue and Preface*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a liturgical text. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. There are bar lines separating the measures.

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion  
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.  
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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*Holy, Holy, Holy* ELW Setting Ten



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## *Thanksgiving at the Table*

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel,  
the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land,  
the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.  
Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## *Lord's Prayer*

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.**

## *Breaking of Bread and Invitation to Communion*

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*At the direction of ushers, baptized and communing members of the assembly wishing to commune will proceed to the front of the nave in a continuous line, maintaining appropriate physical distance. Others may also come forward for a blessing. To receive the bread, place your hands palms up and level so that the presiding minister is able to drop the bread onto your uplifted hands without touching you. Using a receptacle, such as a small juice glass which you have brought from home, hold it firmly that the assisting minister is able to pour wine from the common cup into your individual glass. For health safety reasons, you may **not** dip the bread into the wine in the chalice. You may also elect to commune by receiving the bread only. You may, of course, remove your mask to commune. Gluten free hosts are available to those who need that option. Once you have received the bread and wine, return to your places by the side aisles, while maintaining appropriate physical distance from your neighbors.*

***Lamb of God: ELW Setting Ten, S 208***



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

***MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:*** *Meditation* from Partita on Crucifer, Charles Callahan

***Prayer after Communion***

Blessed Jesus,  
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.  
Now send us forth to extend our tables  
and to share your gifts  
until that day when all feast together  
at your heavenly banquet.  
**Amen.**

***Blessing***

God, the beginning and the end,  
who has written your name in the book of life,  
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
**Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN “Before the Ancient One” ACS 953***

## Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands



1 Be - fore the An - cient One, Christ stands, en - robed in cloud and  
 2 Who was, who is, and is to come as ser - vant lived in  
 3 Now in the lat - ter days you call, O Christ, and plead the



bright as snow, five wounds im - print his side, feet, hands, and  
 hu - man sphere; com - pas - sion was his di - a - dem; his  
 prem - ise clear, that pow - er grasped is none at all, and



thorns, the gar - land on his brow. Yet thrones and  
 glo - ry was the gen - tle tear; hu - mil - i -  
 serv - ing shows your Spir - it near. As na - tions



pow'rs fall to the knee and weave a song of maj - es - ty,  
 ty, his pur - ple garb; the heal - ing hand, his roy - al orb.  
 clash and wis - dom wanes, as glo - ries tempt and greed sus - tains,



for what the world ad - mires as gain is not the es - sence  
 Such love drew ire and ire drew death, but God has proved the  
 you bid us choose in ev - 'ry hour the pow'r of love, the



of Christ's reign, and strength is his, and name and  
 tru - er strength, and through all space the host pro -  
 great - est pow'r, that love may her - ald God's do -



might, be - cause he pit - ied hu - mans' plight.  
 claims the name a - bove all oth - er names.  
 main, and you, at last, may come to reign.

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*Dismissal*

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

***CLOSING VOLUNTARY:*** *Processional* from Partita on Crucifer, Charles Callahan

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