

# Welcome to St. John's Church



*"Christ Crowned with Thorns," Bernardino Luini (c. 1522)*

## The Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Feast of Christ the King

*November 24, 2024  
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

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# MORNING PRAYER

Choral Prelude

*Cantantibus Organis*

Oreste Ravanello (1871-1938)

*Translation: While the musicians played, Cecilia sang to the Lord, saying: 'Lord, let my heart remain without stain, that I be not put to shame.'*

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 494

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Descant*

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won - drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an-gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

## Venite S # 4

*The congregation is invited to join in the chant*

Monk



- 1 O come, let us <sup>1</sup>sing unto the <sup>1</sup>Lord; \*
- let us heartily rejoice in the <sup>1</sup>strength of <sup>1</sup>our sal<sup>1</sup>vation.
- 2 Let us come before his <sup>1</sup>presence with thanks<sup>1</sup>giving, \*
- and show ourselves <sup>1</sup>glad in <sup>1</sup>him with <sup>1</sup>psalms. [Ant.]
- 3 For the Lord is a <sup>1</sup>great<sup>1</sup>God, \*
- and a great <sup>1</sup>King a <sup>1</sup>bove all <sup>1</sup>gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the <sup>1</sup>corners of the <sup>1</sup>earth, \*
- and the strength of the <sup>1</sup>hills is <sup>1</sup>his <sup>1</sup>also.
- 5 The sea is <sup>1</sup>his and he <sup>1</sup>made it, \*
- and his hands pre<sup>1</sup>pared the <sup>1</sup>dry<sup>1</sup> land. [Ant.]
- 6 O come, let us worship and <sup>1</sup>fall<sup>1</sup>down \*
- and <sup>1</sup>kneel before the <sup>1</sup>Lord our <sup>1</sup>Maker.
- 7 For he is the <sup>1</sup>Lord our <sup>1</sup>God, \*
- and we are the people of his <sup>1</sup>pasture
- and the <sup>1</sup>sheep of his <sup>1</sup>hand. [Ant.]
- 8 O worship the Lord in the <sup>1</sup>beauty of <sup>1</sup>holiness; \*
- let the <sup>1</sup>whole earth stand in <sup>1</sup>awe of him.
- 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to <sup>1</sup>judge the <sup>1</sup>earth, \*
- and with righteousness to judge the world
- and the <sup>1</sup>peoples with his <sup>1</sup>truth. [Ant.]

*(Gloria Patri may be added)*

Glory to the Father, and <sup>1</sup>to the <sup>1</sup>Son, \*

and <sup>1</sup>to the <sup>1</sup>Holy <sup>1</sup>Spirit:

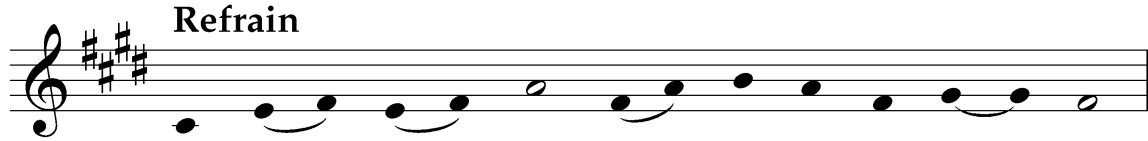
As it was in the be<sup>1</sup>ginning, is <sup>1</sup>now, \*

and <sup>1</sup>will be for <sup>1</sup>ever. A <sup>1</sup>men. [Ant.]

**The congregation may wish to be seated for the Psalm.**

**Psalm 22:1-15**

*The congregation is invited to join in the Refrain.*



The Lord shall reign for ev - er and ev - er.

- 1 Lord, remember David, \*  
and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to the Lord \*  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," \*  
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \*  
nor let my eyelids slumber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the Lord, \*  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; \*  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; \*  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."
- 8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, \*  
you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \*  
let your faithful people sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David's sake, \*  
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
- 11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David; \*  
in truth, he will not break it:
- 12 "A son, the fruit of your body \*  
will I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \*  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."
- 14 For the Lord has chosen Zion; \*  
he has desired her for his habitation:
- 15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; \*  
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.
- 16 I will surely bless her provisions, \*

and satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, \*  
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; \*  
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; \*  
but as for him, his crown will shine."

*INTRODUCTION: In the Hebrew Reading, we hear a lyric poem that celebrates the reign of good King David.*

### **A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel (23:1-7)**

These are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Hymn # 391**

*Before the Lord's Eternal Throne*

(Jubilate)

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye  
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed  
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our  
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high  
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is  
 2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering  
 3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors  
 4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten  
 5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.  
 2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.  
 3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?  
 4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.  
 5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

*INTRODUCTION: In this reading, the revelation made known to a disciple named John begins with a greeting from the everlasting God, from the seven spirits which worship God in heaven, and from Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead.*

**A Reading from the Revelation to St. John the Divine (4:12-16)**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 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. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

People

***Thanks be to God.***

**Hymn # 435***At the Name of Jesus, Every Knee Shall Bow*

1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name  
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,  
 \*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
 \*6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,  
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;  
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord  
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;  
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,  
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
 4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.  
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.  
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

*INTRODUCTION: In the this reading, as his passion draws near, Jesus comes face to face with the Roman governor, and seeks to explain the nature of his kingdom.*

**A Reading from the Gospel of St. John: (18:33-37)**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation



and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" 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 Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." 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 Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

### **The Sermon**

Ann Hodgman, *Licensed Lay Preacher*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.***

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.***

***He descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again.***

***He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,***

***the holy catholic Church,***

***the communion of saints,***

***the forgiveness of sins,***

***the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

### **The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

***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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **The Suffrages**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;  
R. *Deliver us and forgive us our sins.*

V. Look upon your congregation;  
R. *Give to your people the blessing of peace.*

V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
R. *And your wonders among all peoples.*

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
R. *Never forget the lives of your poor.*

V. Continue your loving kindness to those who know you;  
R. *And your favor to those who are true of heart.*

V. Satisfy us by your kindness in the morning;  
R. *So we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Sunday**

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our own hands in love, may bring

those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love thee: for the honor of thy Name. *Amen.*

**Offertory Anthem**     *King of Kings*     Caleb Simper (1856-1942)

*Text: Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign forever and ever, forever and forevermore.*

*Officiant:* Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or aloud in our midst.

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, world without end. Amen. |*

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

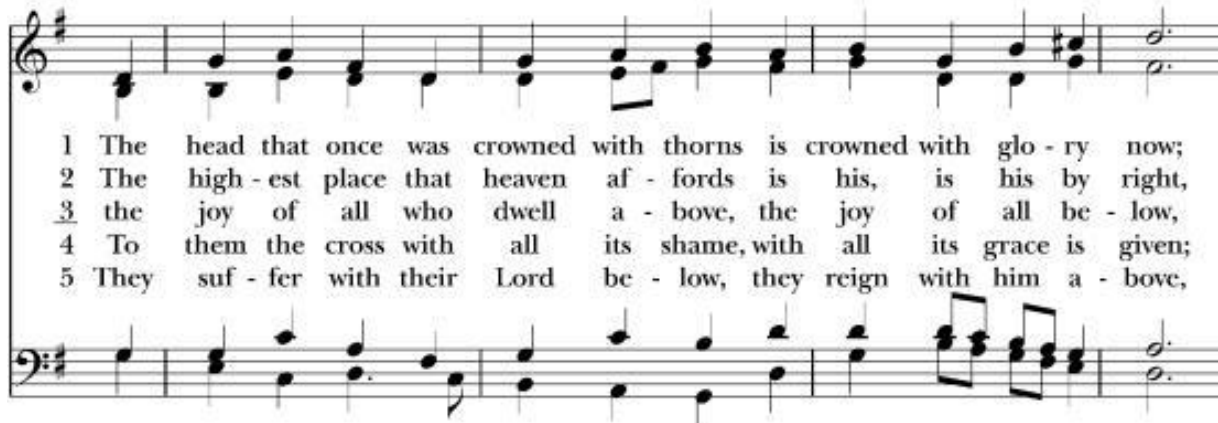
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

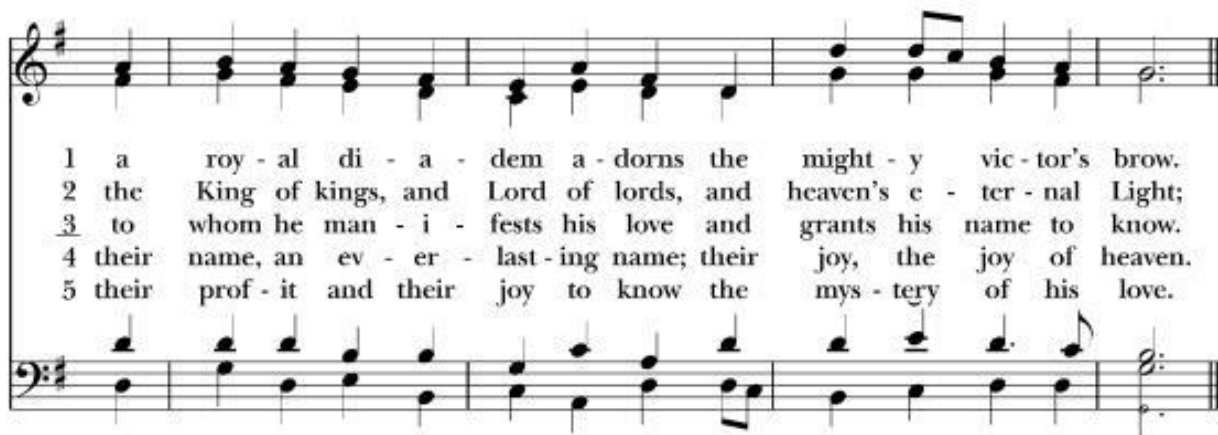
*Thanks be to God.*

Closing Hymn # 483

*The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns*



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by 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 given;  
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,



1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;  
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.  
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.  
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery 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.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*      *2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Postlude**

**Worship Ministers Today:**

Ann Hodgman: *Licensed Lay Preacher*

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

Mary Davis: *Lay Worship Leader*

John Magee: *8:00 Reader*

Sara Coles: *10:00 Reader*

Sara Coles: *Veejay (VJ)*

MB Witt, Sara Coles: *Altar Guild*

Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Ushers*