



**Litany for the Reign of Christ** *(continued)*

Remember us in your new creation,  
so that we may live in peace with you  
in the presence of the Holy One,  
to whom be all honor and glory,  
through you, in the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day** *(unison)*

**Almighty God,  
you raised Christ from the dead  
and established him as Lord  
over every rebellious power.  
Give us grace to serve him wisely and faithfully  
that the world may see his glorious inheritance  
among the saints  
and recognize the freedom of joyful obedience  
in Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** *(silently singing)*: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

No. 151

**Invitation to Confession**

With sincere and repentant hearts,  
let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

**Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

**Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations:  
We confess that we have not seen your face  
among our neighbors in need.  
We have not shared our food with the hungry;  
we have not offered clothes to the destitute  
or shelter to the homeless.  
We have not welcomed the stranger,  
nor have we visited prisoners.  
We have not paid attention to these,  
your sisters and brothers,  
and in our neglect we have failed to serve you.  
Lord, forgive us;  
open our eyes to recognize your beloved family,  
and give us the blessing of sincere repentance  
that we may know the joy of eternal life  
with you and all the saints  
in this world and in the world to come. Amen.**

**Kyrie Eleison** *(silently singing)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Children of light,  
because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we need not fear—  
for he lived for us, he died for us,  
he was raised for us and prays for us.  
  
Believe in God, Friends!  
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Gloria Patri** *(silently singing)*

**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, amen.**

**Prayer of Illumination**

Lord, open the eyes of our hearts by the  
power of your Spirit,  
that we may know the hope  
to which we have been called in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

P.P. 803-804 in the Old Testament

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As 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. I 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 watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I 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. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I 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.

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

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

**Organ Anthem** Bless This House

May H. Brahe, 1927

**Second Scripture Reading:** Matthew 25:31-46

P. 29 in the New Testament

“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. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for 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, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And 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.’ Then 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 his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I 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.’ Then 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?’ Then 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.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

**Sermon:** Living in Love

Rev. Jim DeMent

Matthew 25:40: “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.”

*Silence and stillness*

**Congregational Hymn** (*silently singing*): “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

No. 551

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

Almighty God,  
we give you thanks and praise for your love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Accept our gifts in union with Christ’s gifts for us.  
Confirm in us the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,  
that we may testify to the sovereignty of his love.  
Through Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**Doxology** (*silently singing*)

*Genevan Psalter, 1551*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures her below;  
Praise Him above, all heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles’ Creed)**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** (*silently singing*): “Rejoice, The Lord Is King”

No. 155

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude:** Majestic Largo

- *Ellen Jane Lorenz, 1935*



We have reproduced below the lyrics of the hymns that Robert Wyatt will be playing for this “Virtual Worship Service.” All the hymns below are either in the public domain or have been reproduced, under license, from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville: 1990). We encourage you to read and sing along at home, as Robert plays the hymns he has selected with comfort, hope, strength, and courage in, now, the Season after Pentecost. Follow the verses in this order:

Verse 1  
Verse 2

Verse 3  
Verse 4

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark, how the heavenly 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 peace;  
Whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end;  
And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of Paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of love;  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified:  
No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends their burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

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 shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home:  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God our Maker doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied:  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto God's praise we yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear:  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take the harvest home;  
From each field shall in that day  
All offenses purge away;  
Give the angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In God's garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come  
To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There forever purified,  
In Thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all Thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.

**Rejoice, The Lord is King**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
And triumph evermore:

God's kingdom cannot fail,  
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given:

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
For Christ, the Judge, shall come  
To glorify the saints  
For their eternal home:

Refrain:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!



**Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests**

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**FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service**

**Sunday, November 29**

10:30 AM Worship Service

*Members and visitors on our premises  
will want first to familiarize themselves  
with our  
"COVID-19 Pandemic  
Public Health and Safety Protocols  
for In-Person Gatherings  
at the Church."*

*A copy of these  
Health and Safety Protocols  
can be obtained as you enter the church  
or at our website:  
[www.fpcofvictoria.org](http://www.fpcofvictoria.org).*

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Shelley Hartman, Dawn Neel, and Helen Resendez,  
Kids for Christ, Vacation Bible School

*Hanging of the Greens*

**Today, After Worship Service**

*We invite those who are able to stay and help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent.*

*Masks will be worn, and social distancing will be maintained.*

*We appreciate your willingness to help us, excitedly, we get ready for the Advent Season!*

**Clergy, Music, and Administration**

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