

# Christ the King Sunday: A Service of Holy Communion

## Leader's Guide

### GATHERING

**Prelude**

**(begins at 10:10a)**

**Welcome**

**Pastor Dustin (begins at 10:20a)**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**A. Amen.**

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Brief pause.*

Faithful God,

**A. have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P. God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

**A. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn – *O God, Beyond All Praising***

**VIDEO**

### **Greeting**

P. The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A. And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P. 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.

A. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

### **VIDEO**

AM. 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.

## **Musical Meditation**

## **VIDEO with overlay video**

## **Gospel Reading**

## **Matthew 25:31-46**

P. The Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**A. Glory to you, O Lord.**

P. [Jesus said to the disciples:] “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.”

P. This, my siblings in Christ, is the Gospel of our Lord.

**A. Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck**

**Hymn of the Day – *Shout to the Lord***

**VIDEO**

**Intro to New Member Welcome**

**New Member Welcome Video**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P. We ask that you lift up your prayers in the comments section of Facebook Live (or in your hearts) at this time.

P. Hear us, O God

**A. Your mercy is great.**

## **Intro to Response to God's Call: Micah 6:8**

P. As we have lifted up prayers for our community and world, we are reminded that we are called to go and bring the witness of God's love to the world. Will you join us in our sung response as we consider the words of the prophet Micah - what does the Lord require of you?

## **Response to God's Call: Micah 6:8**

### **Peace**

P. And may the peace of Christ be with you always.

**A. And also with you.**

P. Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

### **Announcements**

*Announcements may be shared at this time.*

## **MEAL**

### **Offering**

P. At this time, if you'd like to make an online gift using [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) or via mail to Messiah, feel free to do so.

### **Offering Prayer**

P. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

## **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**VIDEO**

### **Lord's Prayer**

P. God remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

VIDEO

## Eucharistic Prayer

P. 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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

A. **Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

P. Even when we cannot be physically together, we are one in Christ Jesus united around a common table. Indeed, at this table, Jesus gathers us all together: the humble and the proud, the joyful and the grieving, the pious and the profane, those of strong faith and those who only long for faith, to everyone, without exception. Come siblings in faith, and join in Spirit filled community!

## Distribution of the Sacrament

VIDEO

*At this time, all may share Holy Communion amongst their families.*

## Post Communion Blessing

P. The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious blood strengthen you, and keep you in God's Grace. Amen.

**A. Amen.**

## **Prayer After Communion**

P. Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way.  
**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

P. May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

**VIDEO**

## **Benediction**

P. Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**A. Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

**VIDEO**