



**Matthew 25: 31 - 46**

***Ebensburg Presbyterian Church***  
***Christ the King Sunday***  
***November 20, 2022***

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**~GATHERING~**

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

**O Lord our God,  
we give you thanks  
for the grace that is at work in us  
through the gift of our baptism—  
the sign of your triune name,  
the communion of your faithful people,  
the promise of your glorious realm.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
poured out upon us in baptism,  
let your grace and peace grow in us,  
until we gather at your heavenly throne  
to give you thanks and praise forever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Respectively*)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
**Heaven and earth are filled with the glory of God**  
God has looked favorably on all of His people  
and has redeemed all of creation.  
**God has given us a mighty Savior,  
the Lord whose reign we celebrate.**  
We gather to offer our thanks and praise to almighty God.  
**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN# 151 Crown Him With Many Crowns

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

In humility we are called to confess our sin,  
reaching out in penitence to our Lord and Savior.  
Trusting in the merciful love of God, let us pray together.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**Gracious Lord,  
we are quick to identify our enemies  
and slow to name the ways we hurt others.  
You lead us in the ways of righteousness,  
and yet we prefer to walk our own path.  
We are called to follow your lead  
in creating a beloved community,  
yet we idolize wealth and power.  
Heal us and help us, O God.  
Turn us from the ways of sin,  
the means that create unjust ends.  
Grant that we may seek to be for others  
what you are for us:  
a source of light on the way to peace.  
Amen [silent confession]**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: (*responsively*)

The Lord is our hope and our trust,  
our light and salvation.  
Believe the good news!  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven,  
renewed, and sent!**

\*GLORI PATRI

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: (*responsively*)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also, with you.**

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (**responsively**)

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts  
and your Spirit govern our lives  
until at last we see the fulfillment  
of your realm of justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord and King **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1–6

SECOND READING: Matthew 25: 31-46

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The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “The King Will say...”

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMN # 155 Rejoice the Lord is King

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*) Mark 12:41–44

**To you, O God, we offer our lives—  
our abundance, our poverty,  
all that we have, all that we are—  
a sign of our great thanksgiving  
for the treasure of your grace.  
Take and use us for good  
in the world that you so love;  
we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Trusting in the power of God to deliver us, let us make our pray-ers of  
intercession for all, saying:

God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . .

Let your church be a living sign of the kingdom that cannot be shaken, where we  
will worship you forever.

God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . .

Be a rock of refuge and a strong fortress for those who are in trouble or distress.  
Rescue the innocent from the wicked.

God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . .

Teach us to offer our food to the hungry, and provide for the needs of the afflicted  
so that your light may shine in us.

God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . .

Forgive their sins, heal their diseases, bring them up out of their despair, and  
satisfy them with your goodness.

God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful and mighty God, as you are one, make us one with you through Jesus Christ, whom you have sent to redeem us, and taught us to pray saying:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **THE SENDING**

HYMN #370 139 Come, Thou Almighty King

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE 2 Cor. 13:14

The blessing of the holy, triune God,  
who was and is and is to come—  
first and last,  
beginning and end,  
Alpha and Omega—  
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Go in peace to love the Lord your God  
with heart and soul and mind and strength,  
and to love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

## Psalm 46

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.
- <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
<sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.
- <sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- <sup>8</sup> Come and see what the LORD has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.  
<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.
- <sup>10</sup> He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## PRAYER LIST

If you have any names you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

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