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November 26, 2023
(8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm)

WELCOME to worship! Today is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday in the Christian calendar. Today, we think about God's concern for "the least of these." (Matthew 25) It seems compassion has eternal ramifications. May you experience the love of our good and gracious King and may that empower your humble service.

GUESTS - We're glad you have joined us! Please sign-in at the Welcome Table to receive a gift. Thank you for worshipping with us.

PRELUDE: *Praise Him! Praise Him!* by Cindy Berry Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #855

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'n-ly 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 virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**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 bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS (People read/sing **bold** words)

Gracious God,
I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen. (Silence for confession. Proclamation of forgiveness.)

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING (The grace of our Lord... be with you all. **And also with you.**)

THE KYRIE (Kyrie eleison = "Lord have mercy.") (Leader sings verses. People sing refrain.)



PRAYER OF THE DAY (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Preschool Director Shelli Parajeckas

(Sunday school is on break today, but will start up next Sunday at morning services.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-24

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. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats: Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet? 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.

(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand.) **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

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**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

READING OF THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

"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."

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: *Give Thanks* by Anne Krentz Organ (10am)

Music Director Kathy Person & the Sanctuary Choir

THE SONG OF THE DAY: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

#659

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav-'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

THE MESSAGE: "*The Incognito Shepherd*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Beautiful Savior* arr. Peter Hilliard (8:30/10am)

Kathy Person, Violin & Fred Johnson, Piano

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Crown Him with Many Crowns

#855 v. 5

**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 and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each prayer: Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are welcome to receive. Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may come forward also. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray. Gluten wafers are available upon request.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC: Lamb of God

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

Christ, Be Our Light

#715

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. (Refrain.)**

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. (Refrain.)**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. (Refrain.)**

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. (Refrain.)**

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

#712

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev-'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light

**in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the deeds and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good-will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* #865 vv. 1-2, 4
**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favor to our forebears in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Glorious is his faithfulness!**

**Angels help us to adore him, who behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him; all who dwell in time and space.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Cortège Jubilant* by Anthony Giamanco Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Melody & Ron Bacon in celebration of God's love & grace.

ADVENT SEASON - The four week preparation for Christmas begins next Sunday, December 3. Lighting of the Advent candles, singing carols, and more. Theme: "*4 Prophets 4 Christmas.*"

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING - Friday, December 8, 2pm meet in the Sanctuary to help decorate for the Christmas season! Everyone's invited! Mark your calendars and come join in the fun!

ART MINISTRY GATHERING - Friday, December 8, 6:30pm. In our Art 101 series we are looking at light and space art. We will also be working on our Christmas artwork.

PRESCHOOL SING ALONG - Thursday, December 14, 3-5pm. Christmas sing along for preschoolers, sign up through the church office.

WOMEN'S COOKIE EXCHANGE - Sunday, Dec. 10, 3pm, Bankson Hall. Bring 3 doz. cookies (homemade or store). Containers given to take some home. Extra cookies delivered later that evening during caroling. You're also welcome to bring a Nativity set to share for the day. See the Welcome Table.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - Sunday, December 10, 5pm - meet at the church & caravan to sing at shut-ins homes. Maps and song sheets provided that evening.

CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIAS - Help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas Eve by providing a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone. Cost \$10. Forms are located at the Welcome Table or contact the office at gloriadei@mygloriadei.org or 949-493-3414 by Sunday, December 17.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) meets the *third Monday of each month at 2pm*. The group meets in Knudson Hall. The next meeting is December 18 & they will bring books to exchange. If interested in the book club, contact Diane Kelly or contact the office at 949-493-3414.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP - Sunday, December 24, 8:30am, 4pm, 5:30pm & 10pm. Carols, candlelight, special music, & uplifting message. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8:30am and 10pm. Invite a friend to worship with you!

HANDBELL CHOIR - Thursdays 6:30pm-7:30pm. There is room for a few more ringers. Note reading skills are helpful for jumping into this ensemble. Contact Kathy Person: music@mygloriadei.org.

SANCTUARY CHOIR (teens and adults) rehearses every Thursday, 7:30pm. If interested in joining, speak with Music Director Kathy Person - music@mygloriadei.org. All are welcome!

BIBLE YEAR STUDY Thursdays, 6:30pm, Pastor David leads a study on the readings and answers questions. (11/26 - 12/2: 1 Kings 5:1 through 2 Kings 10:36). Never too late to join. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Every Wednesday, 10am. All women are invited to Knudson Hall for a Bible study led by a pastor. Join us when you can!

OFFERING - Please place check/money in donation boxes in the sanctuary or at the Welcome Table, or give ELECTRONICALLY - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or ZELLE - gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. Alternatively you can donate via credit card or debit card through Vanco, our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate. Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei!

"FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL" (Greece Trip) - As an alternative to the Holy Land, Pastor David will be leading a group to Greece (land/sea), April 9-20, 2024. Flier available at the Welcome Table.

MEN'S BOOK GROUP - Meets the *last Tuesday of the month, 7pm* at members' homes. *They will be meeting on November 28.* For information contact the church office.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY join the *first Saturday/month, 9am, Knudson Hall.* Next meeting - Dec. 2. If you know of someone in need of a shawl or for more information, call Peggy Johnson or the office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Alzheimer Service & Luncheon (Dec. 6, 10:30am); Adult Inquiry Class-Membership (Jan.20, 9am); New Member Sunday (Jan. 28); Annual Meeting & Aloha Luncheon (Feb.4); Stephanie Trick & Paolo Alderighi Piano Concert; Ash Wednesday Worship and soup suppers begin (Feb.14).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 2, 2023

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); NA Meeting (6:30pm)

Monday: South Coast Lit. Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); Men's Book Club (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Mission Hospital Alumni Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Lit. Council Games & Fun (1pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); The Bible Year Study (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Prayer Shawl Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting Meeting (10:30am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School (1:30pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Acolyte: Evan Neiderhiser; Coffee Prep: Barb Collins; Communion: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Lector: Henri Nurminen; Ushers: Christian Asis & Bob Gaumer; Welcome Table: Barb Collins

10am: Acolyte: Reed Jensen; Coffee Clean-up: Melody & Ron Bacon; Communion: Peggy Johnson & Mary Jane Rylaarsdam-Pike; Lector: Susan Warneke; Usher: Donna & Jerry Combe; Welcome Table: Ann & Jim St. Martin

5pm: Communion & Lector: Jeannie Moyer