



*Welcome*



**Theme: American Thanksgiving  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
20 November 2022**

# MEDITATION & PRELUDE

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# WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING



# OPENING HYMN

## *How Great Thou Art - 91*

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all!

4 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this  
terrestrial ball, to him all majesty  
ascribe, and crown him Lord of all; to  
him all majesty ascribe, and crown him  
Lord of all.

5 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

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and crown him Lord of all.

**GREETING ONE ANOTHER**







**SPECIAL PEOPLE**

# FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

*Read by Sam Gutheil*

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,”

declares the Lord. “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord.

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord,  
“when I will raise up for David a righteous  
Branch, a King who will reign wisely and  
do what is just and right in the land. In his  
days Judah will be saved and Israel will  
live in safety. This is the name by which  
he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous  
Savior.

## **SECOND READING: *Luke 23:33-43***

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him.

They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him.

“Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

# PSALM READING: *Psalm 46*

*Read by Reverend Neil Parker*

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.



God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will  
be exalted in the earth.” The Lord  
Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our  
fortress.

An abstract painting with a textured, layered appearance. The colors are muted and earthy, including shades of green, yellow, brown, and red, with some darker, more saturated areas. The brushstrokes are visible, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall composition is dense and complex.

**SERMON:**  
**What Kind of King?**

# RESPONSIVE HYMN -503

## *O Christ, The Healer*

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come to  
pray for health, to plead for friends. How  
can we fail to be restored when reached by  
love that never ends?

3. How Strong, O Christ, are our desires,  
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths  
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

5. Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.



# OFFERING

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# DOXOLOGY - CH 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen





# PRAYERS



# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



# CLOSING HYMN - CH 66

## *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of  
Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we  
praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in  
might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring  
above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness  
and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and  
small;

in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the  
tree,

and wither and perish, but naught changest  
thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in  
light,

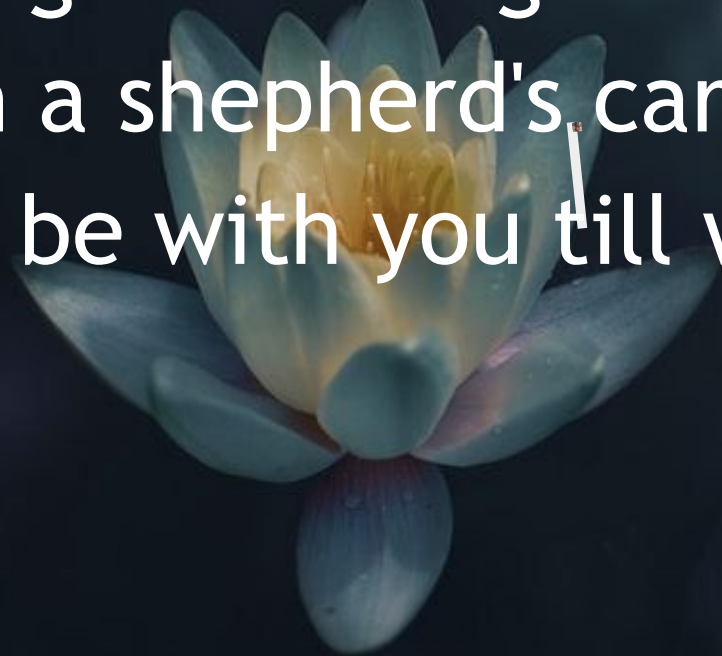
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their  
sight;

all praises we render: O help us to see  
that only the splendor of light hideth thee.

# COMMISSIONING & RESPONSE - CH 434

## *Go Now in Peace*

God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.





# BLESSING



Go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**



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**POSTLUDE**