



PRINCE OF PEACE

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

NOVEMBER 22, 2020 ✠ 8:00 AM AND 10:30 AM



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THE CLOSING SCENE

It's the final scene on this planet and it gives us comfort, joy and understanding. We know our destiny and we know our purpose as the children of God, redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ! Let your heart be joyed as you think about welcoming Jesus for the closing scene.

This is the last Sunday of the Christian Church year. It ends as it began - under the gracious rule and reign of the Lord Jesus. Next week we begin the journey again, through Bethlehem and onto Jerusalem, watching, wondering, being changed and strengthened in faith that we might trust Him and honor Him with our lives until we see Him again.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

∞ *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type.* ∞

OPENING HYMN | *Psalm 42*

Soloist sings the first stanza, the congregation is invited to join in singing stanzas 2 and 3.

As a deer pants for the streams of water, so my soul will pant for you, O Lord. As your child through faith, you are my Father! I will always long for you, O Lord! My soul thirsts for God my living Savior! My heart wants to drink and have its fill! My faith needs to be refreshed and savor your compassion, your will. As a deer pants for the streams of water, so my soul will pant for you, O Lord.

Every day the Lord shows that he loves me, every night he's always by my side. Without fail, he hovers right above me. In his arms I run, I rest, I hide! So this song I sing with raw emotion is a prayer that rises from my soul. For my heart, secured in his devotion, is forever made whole. Every day the Lord shows that he loves me, every night he's always by my side.

My hope rests in Jesus' promise to me, that he holds me firmly in his hand, so I live my life as Christ lives through me; on his Word I proudly take my stand! He renews my heart with law and gospel, soothes my doubts in spiritual extremes, gives me strength against all that is hostile, calls me down to the streams. As a deer pants for the streams of water, so my soul will pant for you, O Lord. Lord!

INVOCATION

Please stand.

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8-9, John 20:19-23 , Rev 1:5-6

If we confess our sins,

God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

silence for personal reflection

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature and have sinned against You in my thoughts, words and actions.

I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve Your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with His holy life and innocent death.

Trusting in Him, I pray:

God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority,

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father -

To Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING | *Daniel 7:9-10,13-14*

In a vision, Daniel sees the rise and fall of empires and here he sees judgement unfolding. The nations are gathered. The books are opened. And one "like a son of man," "coming with the clouds," appears. Here is the Messiah, the Lord Jesus, taking up His everlasting reign.

“As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened...

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING | *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

The Thessalonians seem to be concerned about what happens to those who have died before Jesus returns in His glory. Paul assures them, and us, that the believers who have “fallen asleep” will be raised and together with them, we will all be forever with the Lord.

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL | Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus tells a parable describing the final scene - the Day of His righteous judgment. The children of God are given the inheritance prepared for them.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and

clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

1 Lo, he comes with clouds de -
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be -
 3 Those dear to - kens of his
 4 Yea, A - men, let all a -

scend - ing, Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner
 hold him Robed in glo - rious maj - es -
 pas - sion Still his daz - zling bod - y
 dore you High on your e - ter - nal

slain. Thou - sand, thou - sand
 ty; Those who ri - di -
 bears, Cause of end - less
 throne. Ev - 'ry knee shall

saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph
 cued and sold him, Pierced and nailed him
 ex - ul - ta - tion To his ran - somed
 bow be - fore you; Come and take your

of his train. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing,
 wor - ship - ers. With what won - der,
 peo - ple home! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
Gaze we on those glo - rious scars.
You shall reign and you a - lone!

SERMON Matthew 25:31-46

When the Son of Man Comes In Glory

After the sermon, please stand.

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated.

OFFERING | *Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God
our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to
Him.*

*We pause so that those who wish may use our app to
make an offering or may place their offering in the
plate on the table in the entryway.*

*To donate online, text **princeofpeace** (no spaces)
to **77977**. You'll receive a link in response. Follow
the link to the Prince of Peace secure giving page.*

*Worshipers can give also through the free **Prince of
Peace mobile app**. Search for "Prince of Peace
Lutheran" in app stores and look for our logo.*

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are worthy, O Christ, to receive honor and glory and praise,

for You created all things and by Your will they were created and have their being.

You are worthy, O Christ, to receive honor and glory and praise because You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, You have called us into Your kingdom and made us priests to serve our God and Father.

Help us live as Your royal priests, serving You and one another in joyful gratitude.

We give You thanks, Lord, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. Come with Your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful natures.

Strengthen our confidence in the promise that Your kingdom will never be destroyed.

O Christ, You will judge the world in righteousness. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Heal our hearts when they are broken with guilt and sin. Strengthen us when we are weak. Reign in our hearts, that we may serve You faithfully.

Special intercessions may be inserted here.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Look, He is coming with the clouds and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him. The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! Amen.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



THE HOLY SACRAMENT

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✝ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✝ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN | *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

**Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice,
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To th' unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of
stone**

**Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.**

**Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it unto me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, That you need what we can do,
Saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN | *O Fount of Good for All Your Love*

**O Fount of good, for all your love Our true thanks should be paid.
What can we render, Lord, to you, When you own all that's made?**

**But you have needy brothers here, Partakers of your grace,
Whose names you will yourself confess Before the Father's face.**

**In their sad accents of distress Your pleading voice is heard;
You may in them be clothed and fed And visited and cheered.**

**Then help us, Lord, your yoke to wear And gladly do your will,
Each other's daily burdens share, The law of love fulfill.**

**Your face with rev'rence and with love We in the poor will view,
And, while we minister to them, We do it as to you.**

After the distribution, the pastor speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you to life everlasting.

Amen.

Please stand.

PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

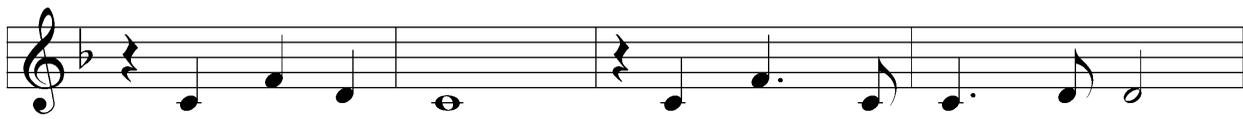
Be seated.



1 There is a high - er throne than all this
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -



world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue
fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song



will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,
where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye



made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing
as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -



hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain

Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thund-'rous
an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies
their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,
strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who
reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

The vivid imagery of our Lord's revelation to Saint John is elegantly summarized in this Irish hymn.

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wednesday, Nov 25, 7:00 pm

As is our custom, we'll gather at the Lord's house on the eve of Thanksgiving Day and give Him our thanks and praise in song and prayer. The 30 minute service begins at 7:00 pm. Please sign up on our website: popslc.org if you plan to attend in person. It will also be live-streamed at popslc.org.

Thank you to Kryssi Heckman and Chandra Lange for adorning the Divine Service with music this morning.

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