



Christ the King

November 22, 2020

God Promises a New Covenant

*God's word has been written on our hearts.
We are also charged with the task of letting God's word
inform our decisions and our actions.*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Announcements & Temple Talk

~ Eiber Elementary

Call to Worship

God knows us,
knows our names, knows our hearts.
God is in us still:
God is written deep within.
God knows us, we know God,
and so we come together,
God's own, to worship and praise.

Gathering Music

That Will Be Joyful

- Sprong

Let your light shine before others.

Confession & Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of the covenant,

You have never failed in your promises to us, but we often fail to be your faithful people. We waste our time and resources on things which do not give life. We doubt our abilities and hide our light away from the world. We flee from your call when it doesn't appeal to us. Forgive us and call us back to your sustaining love.

God hears us when we repent and is quick to pardon our failures. Hear the words of your forgiveness and believe that you have been restored by your creator's great mercy and compassion. Rejoice! **Amen.**

Opening Song

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Red ELW 634 vv. 1-3

**All hail the pow'r 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.**

**O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.**

**Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call
the God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.**

Prayer of the Day

God of wisdom, Your word lives within us, within our very souls. Make us living scriptures by which the world can see your love clearly demonstrated and shared. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

When God's people turned violently away from God, the prophet Jeremiah was sent to set them straight. Although the king refused to receive God's word in a scroll, God promised that one day God's word would be written on the hearts of all people.

Invitation to the Word

Father Grant

**Father grant, that what we sing with our lips,
We may believe in our hearts.
And what we believe in our hearts,
We may show forth in our lives.
Through the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34

In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 2Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. 3It may be that when the house of Judah hears of all the disasters that I intend to do to them, all of them may turn from their evil ways, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. 4Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at Jeremiah's dictation all the words of the Lord that he had spoken to him. 5And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, "I am prevented from entering the house of the Lord; 6so you go yourself, and on a fast day in the hearing of the people in the Lord's house you shall read the words of the Lord from the scroll that you have written at my dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the people of Judah who come up from their towns. 7It may be that their plea will come before the Lord, and that all of them will turn from their evil ways, for great is the anger and wrath that the Lord has pronounced against this people." 8And Baruch son of Neriah did all that the prophet Jeremiah ordered him about reading from the scroll the words of the Lord in the Lord's house. 21Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary; and Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. 22Now the king was sitting in his winter apartment (it was the ninth month), and there was a fire burning in the brazier before him. 23As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a penknife and throw them into the fire in the brazier, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier. 27Now, after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch wrote at Jeremiah's dictation, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: 28Take another scroll and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which King Jehoiakim of Judah has burned. 31The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Song

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

Red ELW 717

Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sung before prayers

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Your word stands fast in spite of those who have disregarded, disrespected or distorted it over the ages. Continue to inspire us through the holy scriptures and other revelations of your timeless truth.

God of the covenant, **Hear our prayer.**

As we pause this week to ponder all that we are thankful for in our lives, may your grace and faithfulness be first on our list. Bless those who travel and be present in our gatherings with loved ones, amidst the joy and occasional friction which arises at such times.

God of the covenant, **Hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, you have made everything good, but we do not always treat it with the care and respect it deserves. Foster in our hearts a love for this planet which strives to protect and nurture all that you have made.

God of the covenant, **Hear our prayer.**

Heal all who have had words used against them as weapons of dogma, hatred and abuse. May they know instead words of reconciliation and atonement. Send your healing spirit to those who need it, especially...

God of the covenant, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have gone before us in faith, and those who bore witness to your gospel of love in our lives. May we follow in their footsteps as signposts of grace that help others find their way to you.

God of the covenant, **Hear our prayer.**

Other petitions may be offered.

Receive these prayers as parents hear the cries of their own children, and answer us in your time, in your way, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Offering of Gifts

Generous and abundant God,
You faithfully, graciously and abundantly provide for all life, including our own. From your abundance, we joyfully offer our financial, talent and time gifts, that you first gave us, and we pray you bless your kingdom, our neighbors, both near and around the globe. In your faithful name, we pray. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

A Celtic Thanksgiving



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