

HOLY COMMUNION TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 12, 2023



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Welcome to Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana. Whether you are worshiping in person or online, we're glad you are here! Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering plate or complete it online at tigardlutherans.com/connect.

Sunday, November 12, 2023 • Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Today, Wisdom makes herself known. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

This worship service is being recorded and will be available on Facebook, YouTube, and the church website.

When indicated, please stand as you are able.

The assembly reads the **bold print.**

Gathering

INVOCATION

Bendita sea Dios, Creador, + Redentor, y Sabadurio Santo.

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, \pm Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

The assembly stands. All may make the sign

of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through \pm Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

The assembly stands.

This text, written by Ruth Duck in 1993, draws on numerous scriptural images of Wisdom (Greek: Sophos). This text offers an alternative perspective on Trinitarian theology. The Wisdom tradition has played a role in Christian mysticism for centuries, as witnessed by the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul. Ruth Duck is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a liturgical theologian, and retired professor of worship who taught for 27 years at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. She has written over 150 hvmns. edited three books of sources for worship services, and written on the topic of Trinitarian theology, all with an eye toward facilitating the use of gender-inclusive language in the context of Christian worship. The tune MADELEINE was composed by Donna Kasbohm in 1995. She is the director of worship and music at Pax Christi Catholic Community in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.





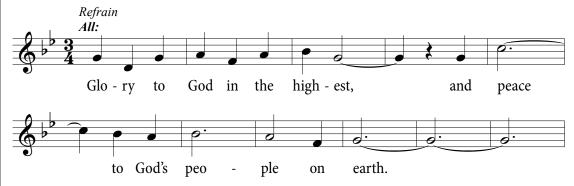
APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

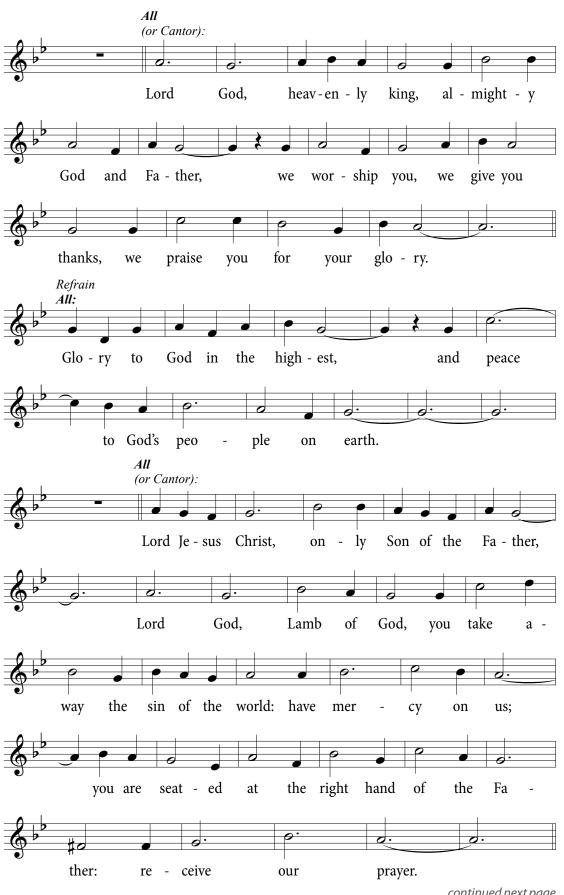
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

CANTOR Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

READING

WISDOM OF SOLOMON 6:12-20

Wisdom is part of the structure of the universe and is easily accessible to those who want to find her. Wisdom actually seeks people out. People who are wise are free from care. The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction.

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon, the sixth chapter.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate.

To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her, and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality, and immortality brings one near to God, so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

READING

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians, the fourth chapter.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CANTOR Praise the God of all creation, God of mercy and compassion.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, praise the Word of truth and life.

CANTOR Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

ALL **Refrain**

HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times. El Santo Evangelio según Mateo, capítulo veinticinco.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. (¡Gloria a ti, oh Señor!)

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ. (¡Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!)

THE HOMILY PASTOR DOROTHY

The assembly stands.

Hymnwriter Bernadette Farrell blends biblical images and current vignettes to connect Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world. Farrell arrived on the liturgical music scene in the 1970s. She has always had a passion for social justice and that comes to the fore in many of her songs. Born in West Yorkshire in the north of England, she has lived in London for many years with her husband, liturgical composer Owen Alstott. Currently she is a community organizer for UK Citizens, which advocates for fair housing, a living wage, proper community policing, and health care access.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 715



APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The lay assistant offers the prayers. Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we wait, come guickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed. Comfort the grieving, especially Don and family. Ease the discomfort of all who are suffering, especially Myrna and Jerry, Betty, Don, Hal, Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, Del and Suzanne, and Jean. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For what else do the people of God pray?

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you, especially Judy. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Here other intercessions

may be offered.

PASSING THE PEACE

La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. (Y también contigo.)

The assembly is seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

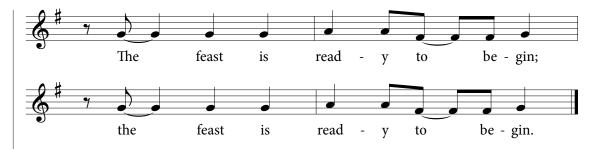
Meal

PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

OFFERTORY HYMN

The assembly stands.





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

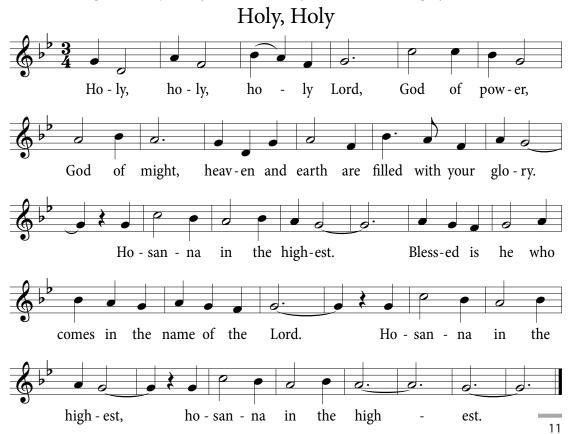
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

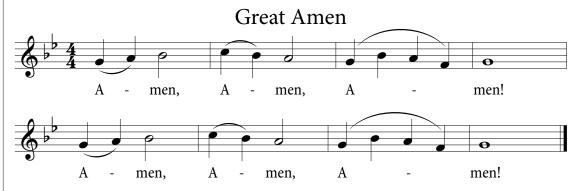
You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. ... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Memorial Acclamation





Remembering, therefore, his salutary command ... be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at this meal.

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands.

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you to life everlasting.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 208





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

Dios todopoderoso, Creador, + Redentor, Sabiduría Santo, los bendiga ahora y siempre. Amén.

SENDING HYMN ELW 418

Fred Pratt Green was a British Methodist minister and hymnodist. He wrote this text in 1973 for the 600th anniversary of Julian of Norwich's Revelations of Divine Love. His hymns reflect his rejection of fundamentalism and show his concern with social issues. They include many that were written to supply obvious liturgical needs of the modern church, speaking to topics or appropriate for events for which there were few traditional hymns available. The tune LAUDATE DOMINUM was composed by C. Hubert H. Parry in 1894. Parry was an English composer, teacher, and historian of music. He is best known for the choral song "Jerusalem," his 1902 setting for the coronation anthem "I Was Glad," the choral and orchestral ode "Blest Pair of Sirens," and the hymn tune REPTON.



DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God.

In-person and online worshipers are invited to spend a few moments greeting one another on the Zoom balcony. Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



WEEKLY NEWS

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WORSHIP IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M.

Zoom "doors" open at 10 a.m. at the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86517107296?pwd=aVZpWFV0b0QzbFF6ZFVPTDFsL0FZQT09

Phone-in # 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID 865 1710 7296 Password 299944

VIDEO RECORDING

This worship service is being recorded and will be available on Facebook, YouTube, and the church website.

PRAYER REQUESTS

When you have a prayer request, there are several ways you can communicate that with us. Please call the church office (503-639-2789), send an email to **ctkoffice**@ **tigardlutherans.com**, call Pastor Dorothy's cell phone (503-849-6383), or visit **tigardlutherans.com** and click on the Communication tab.

CRISTO REY

Hermanos y hermanas, ven a celebrar la misa bilingüe el segundo y el cuarto domingo de cada mes a las 5 p.m. Gracias a Dios!

Brothers and sisters, worship at bilingual mass the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 5 p.m. You don't have to speak Spanish. The service is printed in both languages.

ADVENT 2023

The season of Advent will soon be upon us and it is unusual this year. The four Sundays of Advent are December 3, 10, 17, and 24. That's right! The fourth Sunday of Advent is December 24. The morning worship will conclude the Advent season at 10:30 a.m. and the evening service will celebrate Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. Christmas Day will find us returning to greet the baby Jesus at 10:30 a.m. All services will be in-person and on Zoom, of course. What a blessed way to begin a new church year and complete the calendar year of 2023.

ADULT EDUCATION

Women of the Bible meets Wednesdays evenings at 7 on Zoom. There is just one session remaining in this first series studying the faithful women of scripture.

On November 29 we will begin a three-part Advent series in which we will meet Hannah, Elizabeth, and Mary, the Mother of Jesus—three expectant mothers.

GIVING

There are several ways to share your tithes and offerings:

- Place your offering in the plate on Sunday morning.
- Mail a check to the church office (11305 SW Bull Mountain Rd., Tigard, OR 97224).
- Use your bank's online bill-pay service.
- Set up a recurring or single payment through Vanco by visiting our website and clicking on the Donate tab.
- Scan the QR code (right) with your mobile device to go directly to our giving page.



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Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana is a community of children of God who are seeking to know God by following the teachings of Jesus Christ, who welcomed all.

This community of faith is enriched and strengthened by diversity. We welcome all to share in the life and ministries of worship, sacraments, responsibilities, leadership, and blessings of participation in this congregation. We are committed to the work of racial equity.

Believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we embrace differences of age, race, ethnicity, language, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, appearance, economic status, marital status, and family situation.

No matter what your life experience is or has been, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

Por lo tanto, recibios los unos a los otros, como también Cristo nos recibió, para gloria de Dios. Romanos 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana es una comunidad de hijos e hijas de Dios que buscan conocer a Dios siguiendo las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, quien ampara a todos.

Esta comunidad de fe se enriquece y fortalece con la diversidad. Damos la bienvenida a todos a compartir la vida y los ministerios de adoración, sacramentos, responsabilidades, liderazgo, y bendiciones de participación en esta congregación. Estamos comprometidos con el trabajo de la equidad racial.

Creyendo que el amor y la gracia ilimitados de Dios se ofrecen a todos y están destinados a ser compartidos y celebrados por todos, aceptamos las diferencias de edad, raza, etnia, idioma, identidad y expresión de género, orientación sexual, habilidades físicas y mentales, apariencia, estado económico, estado civil, y situación familiar.

No importa cuál sea o haya sido tu experiencia de vida, eres un hijo(a) de Dios y eres bienvenido(a) aquí.

