

christ the king sunday

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November 22, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Gathering and Welcome

Rev. Todd Smith

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Voluntary

HE

Lynda McRee and Joe Ostrowski

Call to Worship

Lynda McRee

Leader: For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and, in every place, incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering.

People: **For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.**

Hymn #473

For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

God of our hearts, we come to You admitting that we are lost. In our lives of chaos, we have lost our peace. In our selfishness, we have lost our ability to care for others. In our self-reliance, we have lost our total dependence on You. We ask for Your forgiveness and mercy for our wandering hearts. Remind us that it is by Your grace we are found. In Jesus' Name, we pray ... 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 our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it



was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men, A-men.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Lesson

Chrissie Galliher

Prayer for Illumination

Lynda McRee

First Lesson

Psalm 100

OT p. 552

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
- 3 Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

5 For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Second Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

NT p. 29

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³¹ “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. ³² 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, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ 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; ³⁵ 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, ³⁶ 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.’ ³⁷ 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? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ 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.’ ⁴¹ 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; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ 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.’ ⁴⁴ 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?’ ⁴⁵ 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.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Sermon Bullet Points

- ♥ First and foremost, it is clear that God alone is allowed to and qualified to judge our faith and the faith of others.
- ♥ Our job is to constantly treat all with compassion and empathy and continually be on the lookout for opportunities to love.
- ♥ Judging others makes such service impossible because it leads us to exclude them from grace in our own minds
- ♥ Judging puts us in the position of not serving the least of these because of personal bias.
- ♥ We should never assume that others are not deserved of grace. Humility is an integral faith factor.

Sermon Summary

Today's Scripture we look to Christ as he speaks about the final judgment. He is speaking to his followers. He is telling them that those who believe the way of life he has taught them will manifest the love he has given them in the way they live their lives. Theirs will be a life in which the joy and zeal of their salvation shall never truly leave them.

As we come upon this holiday of thanksgiving it is a good time to look at such a text because it reminds us that as Christians, we need to do more than simply give thanks for our blessings. We need to show Christian love, sacrifice, and charity, as out of our thanks to God for his blessings, we share those blessings with others and then truly become thanks givers.

Can be looked at in a variety of ways. However, I think it is most important when used as a guideline as to how God's love should manifest itself in our lives as followers of Christ.

Out of his love for us and out of our thanks for that love we should strive to reach out to humanity with the same grace that God has given us and seek to feed the hungry and thirsty, Clothe the poor, shelter the homeless, show God's kindness and love in the way we carry ourselves with friends and strangers, and to be God's hand of forgiveness to even those most of society would say do not deserve it.

This scripture is quite often used to scare people out of hell and into heaven to the point that some very interesting and amazing subjects are often overlooked. First of all, the confirmation that service and unconditional love are a mandate for all Christians. Without the manifestations of active service, one's faith is empty.

There is a startling revelation that the sheep in this parable had no idea they were sheep. Humility was so entrenched in their faith that these acts of selfless service had become second nature. Also this is a caveat to all of us that just because we perceive someone to not be a part of our or any other community of faith and may not even show outward signs of orthodox expressions of faith it does not mean they are not members of the flock that may not even know it themselves.

Compassionate treatment and empathy without prejudice indicates that one is part of the body. We better be careful before judging others and we better be mindful of personal bias because those things can hinder our ability to do ministry in the way that God not only desires but requires.

Hymn #559

We Gather Together

Prayers of the People

Offertory

Give Thanks

Lynda McRee & Joe Ostrowski

Doxology

*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.*

Hymn #551

Come Thee Thankful People Come

Benediction

Postlude

Here I Am to Worship
Lynda McRee & Ostrowski

Voluntary

HE

By Richard Mullen and Jack Richards

He can turn the tides and calm the angry sea.
He alone decides who writes a symphony.
He lights every star that makes the darkness bright.
He keeps watch all through each long and lonely night.

He still finds the time to hear a child's first prayer.
Saint or sinner calls and always finds him there.
Though it makes Him sad to see the way we live,
He'll always say, "I forgive."

He can grant a wish or make a dream come true.
He can paint the clouds and turn the gray to blue.
He alone knows where to find the rainbow's end.
He alone can see what lies beyond the bend.

He can touch a tree and turn the leaves to gold.
He knows every lie that you and I have told.
Though it makes Him sad to see the way we live,
He'll always say, "I forgive."

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For the Beauty of the Earth

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Conrad Kocher, 1838

Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,
2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,
4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

We Gather Together

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KREMSER 12.11.12.11

Netherlands folk hymn, 1625
Trans. Theodore Baker, 1894

Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, 1626
Harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;
Or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine;
And pray that Thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,
So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to His name; He for - gets not His own.
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glo - ry be Thine!
Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Offertory

Give Thanks

By Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks, because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

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And now, let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us."

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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7 D

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

George Job Elvey, 1859

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home:
 2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to God's praise to yield;
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take the har - vest home;
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown;
 From each field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied:
 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear:
 Give the an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 There for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

Postlude

Here I Am to Worship

By Tim Hughes

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross
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