

**Communion Service: 20 November 2022**  
**“Christ the King Sunday”**

**Notices**

- Clarinet Concert, 2:30pm, Hethel, Today
  - Next week:
    - 10am Morning Service
    - 10:30 Advent @ Hanover
    - 4pm Advent Carols @ Flordon

**Collect for Christ the King**

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.

**Amen.**

**Crown him with many crowns**

**Saying Sorry**

**Father God, we are sorry for the things we do and say and think which make you sad, and for not thinking of others before ourselves.**

**Please forgive us, and help us to love you and other people more and more.**

**Amen.**

**Receiving Forgiveness**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins, and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**2 Samuel 11:1-17 (NIV)**

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, <sup>3</sup> and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.”

<sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. <sup>5</sup> The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

<sup>6</sup> So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David.

<sup>7</sup> When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going.

<sup>8</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. <sup>9</sup> But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

<sup>10</sup> David was told, "Uriah did not go home." So he asked Uriah, "Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?"

<sup>11</sup> Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"

<sup>12</sup> Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next.

<sup>13</sup> At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home.

<sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In it he wrote, "Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

<sup>16</sup> So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. <sup>17</sup> When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.

#### 2 Samuel 11:26-27 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. <sup>27</sup> After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord.

#### Luke 23:33-38 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. <sup>27</sup> After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord.

<sup>36</sup> The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup> and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

<sup>38</sup> There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews.

Speak, O Lord

## Talk

by Adrian

- *Flemish tapestry, 15<sup>th</sup> century*
  - **Dance of King David,**  
**Zanobi Strozzi, 1450**
- **“Bath-Shéba aux Pieds de David”**  
**Mark Chagall, 1939**
  - ***Uriah is killed in battle.***  
***The Crusader Bible, c1240***
    - Artist Unknown
- **“Bathsheba” by Jean-León Gérôme, 1889**
- **“Bathsheba”, unknown artist, C17. Detail from a larger piece.**
  - **Nathan confronts David.**  
**Emanuel Granberg, 1778**
  - **“David the Shepherd”**  
**Elizabeth Jane Gardner, 1878**

## Profession of Faith

### *The president addresses the congregation:*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess  
together with *this candidate*  
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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 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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

**Song: All heaven declares**

**Our Prayers**

led by Bev

**All I once held dear**

**Holy Communion**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you,  
Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us  
as your children  
and welcomed us  
to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him  
and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love  
upon the cross  
and made for all  
the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread,

and gave you thanks;  
he broke it  
and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this  
in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper,  
taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this  
in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death  
and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit  
that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink  
these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ,  
our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church  
throughout the world  
we offer you  
this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice  
to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full  
of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer  
**Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power and glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup.

**We proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

### **Receiving Bread and Wine**

#### **Prayer After Communion**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

### **Build your kingdom**

#### **Closing Blessing**

Now may the peace of God,  
which passes understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you,  
now and always. **Amen.**