

Christ the King

Baptism and Eucharist

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Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #544 - Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.*

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People *One God and Father of all.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A period of silence is kept.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from The Book of Jeremiah (23:1-6).

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord
People
Thanks be to God

A period of silence is kept.

The Song of Zechariah

Canticle 4

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Luke 1:68-79

Canticle 4

The Song of Zechariah

Benedictus Dominus Deus

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *

for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *

in the house of his servant David,

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *

which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, *

and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

Second Reading

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Colossians (1:11-20).

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the

firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord
People
Thanks be to God

A period of silence is kept.

The people stand as they are able.

Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #296 - We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (23:33-43).

Glory to you, Lord Christ

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering

him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord
People
Praise to you, Lord Christ

A period of silence is kept.

Sermon

A period of silence is kept.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Infants and Younger Children

Parents and Godparents I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

[*When there are others to be presented, the Bishop says* The other Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

or

I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

or

I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil? *Candidate* I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.]

The Celebrant addresses the congregation

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? *People* We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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, and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.*

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People *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.*

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People *I will, with God's help.*

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *these persons* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of new birth [and for those (this person) who *have* renewed *their* commitment to Christ.]

Leader Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his

fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Reaffirmation

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised *him* to the new life of grace. Strengthen *him*, O Lord, with your presence, enfold *him* in the arms of your mercy, and keep *him* safe for ever.

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Our work this week

The Holy Communion

A period of silence is kept.

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The Priest says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Anthem

Give thanks

Belle Cato

Offertory Hymn

As the alms are brought forward the people stand as they are able

Hymnal 1982 #380, vs # 3

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the

company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN

The People respond Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

***People and
Celebrant***

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Priest invites the people to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.

*All are invited to receive communion. Come to the rail, extend your
hands one over the other, the minister will place bread in your palm,
which you consume; to receive wine raise your hands, the minister will
offer you the chalice, please guide it to your lips and sip. If you choose
not to receive you may receive a blessing; cross your arms over your
chest and the priest will bless you. You may choose to remain seated.*

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #341 - For the bread which you have broken

The people stand as they are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as
living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed
us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send
us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to

love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings

May Holy God be in your minds
That you might let go
of all that diminishes
The movement of the Spirit within you

May our discerning God be in your eyes
That you might see God in the midst
Of all the business that fills your lives

May our loving God, be in your heart
That you can be open to those you love,
To those with whom you share Ministry and
To the whole human family

May our gracious God,
Be in that grace filled Silence
That lies deep within you,
That you might live in Christ
As Christ lives in you

Adapted from Rev. James C. Fenbagen

Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #494 - Crown him with many crowns

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Prayers

Ronnie, Joe, Bill, Chris, John, Buzz, Dale, Angie, Marcel, Corbet, Cooper Richey, Charles, Renee, Carolyn, Sam, Sandra, Chris and family, Debbie, Harry, Evan, "E", Sarah and Ray, Leila & Diana Khouny, Claude, Jessica Williams and her family, Larry, Vince, John and Deb, Peggy and Dave, Charles, Tucker & Ellen, Jane Martel, the people of the Phillipines, those suffering from seasonal storms and fires, meals on wheels, making better men of young men, those serving our country, those traveling, and for those we now name:

Calendar

11/24 Christ the King

8:30 am Worship – Baptism Ray Castellanos

9:30 am Fellowship

4:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service

1st Presbyterian Church

Bro. Michael Hooks, preacher

11/26 6:00 pm Alanon

11/28 Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Feast – Sr. Center

prep help 6:00 am,

serving help 9:00 am,

clean up help 1:30 pm

11/29 6:00 pm Friday Families

12/1 1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Fellowship

Worship Leaders

Date	Proper	Eucharistic Minister and Lector	Intercessor
11/24	29	Liz Cato	Beth McGrain
12/1		Connie Erwin	Connie Erwin



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and celebrate
with thanksgiving.

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For the Seven Gifts of the Spirit

Lord Jesus, as God's Spirit came down and rested upon you,
may the same Spirit rest upon us,
bestowing his sevenfold gifts.

First, grant us the gift of understanding,
by which your precepts may enlighten our minds.

Second, grant us counsel,
by which we may follow in your footsteps
on the path of righteousness.

Third, grant us courage,
by which we may ward off the Enemy's attacks.

Fourth, grant us knowledge,
by which we can distinguish good from evil.

Fifth, grant us piety,
by which we may acquire compassionate hearts.

Sixth, grant us fear,
by which we may draw back from evil
and submit to what is good.

Seventh, grant us wisdom,
that we may taste fully the life giving sweetness of your life.

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