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November 22, 2020
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King Sunday

REFLECTION

"It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich!" - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

PRELUDE

"Thanksgiving Suite"

Charles Callahan

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Laughter"

HYFRYDOL

Text by Carl P. Daw, Jr.
Setting by Hal H. Hopson

God of grace and God of laughter, singing worlds from nought to be.
Sun and stars and all thereafter joined in cosmic harmony:
Give us songs of joy and wonder, music making hearts rejoice;
Let our praises swell like thunder, echoing our Maker's voice.

When our lives are torn by sadness, heal our wounds with tuneful balm;
When all seems discordant madness, help us find a measured calm.
Steady us with music's anchor when the storms of life increase;
In the midst of hurt and rancor, make us instruments of peace.

Turn our sighing into singing, music born of hope restored;
Set our souls and voices ringing, tune our hearts in true accord:
Till we form a mighty chorus joining angel choirs above,
With all those who went before us, in eternal hymns of love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

God of Grace, we bring to you our ingratitude for all that you have done for us; our impatience when prayers seem to be ignored; our selfishness when prompted to give or share; our unfaithfulness when wandering from your way. We confess that we find it easier to say thanks when prompted than it is to lead lives guided by gratitude. We ask for your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ who gave all, that we might learn to do likewise. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rejoice, beloved of God, for God's love and forgiveness are given to you this day.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Amen**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Thanks Be to God”

Marty Haugen

Please join the choir on singing the Refrain:

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,

We shall overcome some day.

Oh deep in my heart, I do believe.

That we shall overcome some day.

Chancel Choir, Westminster & Pilgrim Choirs
Children’s Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Adult Education – Advent Study

ANTHEM

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. John Rutter

Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:6-17

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:1-8

SERMON

“Thanksgiving with the Volume Off”

Rev. William Schram

ANTHEM

“Rigaudon”

André Campra (1660 – 1744)

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Chancel Handbell Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 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.

HYMN No. 268, St.1 & 4

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. Michael Helman

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram

Rev. Barbara Piercy

Noel Piercy, Cantor

Chancel Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir

Westminster Choir, Pilgrim Choir

Children's Chorus

Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers