

Welcome to Worship
November 26th, 2023

Prelude Chant Donn e ~ Maurice Durufl e

Gathering Hymn Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing ~ ELW 389

Prayer of the Day

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

Word of God. Word of life

Thanks be to God

Psalm 95:1-8a (Sung)



Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.

For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.

The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!
"Harden | not your hearts."

Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

Jesus said to the disciples: “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. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

“Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the dominion prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 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, 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.’ 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 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.’

“Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and the devil’s angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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.’ 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?’ Then the king 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.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

Hymn of the Day *Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands ~ ACS 953*

Musical Offering *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ~ arr. Sondra K. Tucker (Hallelujah Ringers)*

Offertory Hymn *Praise and Thanksgiving ~ ELW 689 (vs. 1, 4)*

Communion Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is ~ ELW 502*

Sending Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns ~ ELW 855 (vs. 1, 3-5)*

Postlude *Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons ~ Maurice Duruflé*