

**11-20-22**

**Opening Hymn** *Crown Him With Many Crowns* #494

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 Son of God before the worlds began, and ye,  
who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man;  
who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and  
rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
glories now we sing who died, and rose on high, who died,  
eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign, who once  
on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, now  
lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing their  
songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King, to whom is given the wondrous name of  
Love. Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,  
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

**The Collect** 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.**

## **The Lessons**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah *Jer 23:1-6*

You leaders of my people are like shepherds that kill and scatter the sheep. You were supposed to take care of my people, but instead you chased them away. So now I'll punish you severely and make you pay for your crimes! I will bring the rest of my people home from the lands where I have scattered them, and they will grow into a mighty nation. I promise to choose leaders who will care for them like real shepherds. All of my people will be there, and they will never again be frightened.

Someday I will appoint an honest king from the family of David, a king who will be wise and rule with justice. As long as he is king, Israel will have peace, and Judah will be safe. The name of this king will be "The Lord Gives Justice."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm for this morning is Canticle 16. *Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies,

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

He promised to show mercy to our fathers

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Free to worship him without fear,

**holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

To give his people knowledge of salvation

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and 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 reading from the Letter the Church in Colossae *Col 1:11-20*

I pray that you will be grateful to God for letting you have part in what he has promised his people in the kingdom of light. God rescued us from the dark power of Satan and brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son, who forgives our sins and sets us free.

Christ is exactly like God, who cannot be seen.

He is the first-born Son, superior to all creation.

Everything was created by him, everything in heaven and on earth, everything seen and unseen, including all forces and powers, and all rulers and authorities.

All things were created by God's Son, and everything was made for him.

God's Son was before all else, and by him everything is held together.

He is the head of his body, which is the church. He is the very beginning, the first to be raised from death, so that he would be above all others.

God himself was pleased to live fully in his Son.

And God was pleased for him to make peace by sacrificing his blood on the cross, so that all beings in heaven and on earth would be brought back to God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Hymn** *God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him* # 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is Love, let earth rejoice; let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heaven above, God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.** *Luke 23:33-43*

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. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but

this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Hymnal #694**

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

### **The Prayers of the People**

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Creator in the name of Christ Jesus our Redeemer, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

*A brief silence*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Dabney and Doug; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people, and especially the churches affected by the hurricane.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for Ukraine and all areas in our world that are torn apart by war.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed especially those we name now.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for Downs IV, Holden, Brian, Tyler, Barbara, Anne, and Victoria. Grant healing and recovery for Nancy and Georgianna. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Margaret, Bill, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie and Douglas. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Mary Ann. Be near to

all who are in hospice care.

I ask your thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life and those we name now.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*Celebrant:*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* #618

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia, alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!