

# CHRIST THE KING 20 NOVEMBER 2022

## **ORGAN PRELUDE**

Prelude in E Major, from The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 2 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### **HYMN 223**

- All hail the power of Jesu's name; let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem to crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.
- 3 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call; praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all.
- 4 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Let every tribe and every tongue to him their hearts enthral, lift high the universal song and crown him Lord of all.

#### **GREETING**

In the name of the living God: Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

The Lord be with you and also with you.

The celebrant welcomes those in attendance.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **CONFESSION**

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

#### **KYRIE ELEISON**

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

### **ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

#### COLLECT

The celebrant prays the collect set for the day.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore, 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. <sup>3</sup> Then 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. <sup>4</sup> I 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. <sup>5</sup> The 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. <sup>6</sup> In 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

God is our / refuge · and / strength:

a very / present / help in / trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the / earth be / moved: and though the mountains are / shaken · in the / midst · of the / sea:

<sup>†</sup> Though the waters / rage and / foam: and though the mountains quake at the / rising / of the / sea.

There is a river whose streams make glad the / city · of / God the holy dwelling-place / of the / Most / High.

God is in the midst of her \* therefore she shall / not be / moved:

God will / help her · and at / break of / day.

The nations make uproar and the / kingdoms · are / shaken: but God has lifted his / voice · and the / earth shall / tremble. The Lord of / hosts is / with us: the God of / Jacob / is our / stronghold.

Come then and see what the / Lord has / done:
what destruction he has / brought up-/-on the / earth.
He makes wars to cease in / all the / world:
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear \*
and burns the / chari· ots / in the / fire.

'Be still and know that / I am / God:
I will be exalted among the nations \*
I will be ex-/-alted · up-/-on the / earth.'
The Lord of / hosts is / with us:
the God of / Jacob / is our / stronghold.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son: and / to the / Holy / Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever / shall be: world without / end./ A-/-men.

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians:

<sup>11</sup> 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 <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **GRADUAL HYMN 232**

- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now: a royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal Light;
- The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below, to whom he manifests his love, and grants his name to know.

- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is given: their name, an everlasting name, their joy, the joy of heaven.
- 5 They suffer with their Lord below, they reign with him above; their profit and their joy to know the mystery of his love.
- The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him; his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

GOSPEL Luke 23:33-43

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>33</sup>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. [[<sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> 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!' <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup> Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' <sup>43</sup> He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### SERMON

**CREED** The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is. seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

#### **INTERCESSIONS**

A member of the congregation offers prayers.

#### **PEACE**

The celebrant introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence:

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **HYMN 453**

- 1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour first-begotten from the dead, thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head. Alleluia, alleluia, Jesu, true and living bread.
- 2 Here our humblest homage pay we, here in loving reverence bow; here for faith's discernment pray we, lest we fail to know thee now. Alleluia, alleluia, thou art here, we ask not how.
- Though the lowliest form doth veil thee as of old in Bethlehem, here as there thine angels hail thee, branch and flower of Jesse's stem. Alleluia, alleluia, we in worship join with them.
- 4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished

once for all when thou wast slain, in its fullness undiminished shall for evermore remain, Alleluia, alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly manna, stricken rock with streaming side, heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died, Alleluia, alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!

#### **EUCHARIST**

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you and also with you.
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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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,

the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

### **AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

#### INVITATION

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Amen.

The celebrant distributes communion.

#### **HYMN 663**

1 How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire? Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am !?

- 2 Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace; a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face. They sing, because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be.
- Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire; then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.
  I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light; yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.
- 4 How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep! Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep. Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere; thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

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.

## **BLESSING**

The celebrant may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing:

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory;

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

#### **HYMN 691**

- Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;

the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

- 4 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like incense shall arise with every morning sacrifice.
- 5 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

## **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Fugue in E Major from The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 2 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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