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 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, forever. Amen.**

\*Singing Our Faith # **102** *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude

**Scatter to Serve God & Neighbor**

*Welcome to all! We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.*

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10:30 a.m. ~ November 26, 2023 ~ Christ the King Sunday

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude *“Give Thanks”*  Henry Smith

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

\*Greeting

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;

**brothers and sisters, with one voice**

make all men know he is your choice.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

O magnify the Lord, and raise

**anthems of joy and holy praise**

for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

They with a faith for ever new

**followed the King, and round him drew**

thousands of faithful ones and true.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

So shall God's will on earth be done,
**new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,**and the whole church at last be one.
**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**   *(G. K. A. Bell, 20th century)*

\*Singing Our Faith **# 131** *“We Gather Together”*

\*Opening Prayer

**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.**

Special Music *“To God Be the Glory”*  W. Doane

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:31-46

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 378** (vs. 1, 2, & 4) *“Amazing Grace”*

The Good News ***“A Better King”***

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 95 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. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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| Friday, 12/1 | 10:00 a.m. | *Homeschool* |
|  | 3:30 p.m. | *Homeschool/Preteen Christmas Parties* |
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***\*\*Looking Ahead on the Calendar \*\****

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**Angel Tree**

We will be sponsoring an Angel Tree this year for the children of clients with Humankind’s Ways to Work program. We have **20** angels on the tree today. You may take one (or more) and shop for him or her, or you may make a monetary donation and the Humankind staff will do the shopping. There is a sign-up sheet by the Angel Tree. Please sign whether taking an angel or writing a check. All checks should be made out to ***“Chestnut Hill UMC”,*** with ***“Angel Tree “*** on the memo line.

**Gifts should be wrapped and the child’s name on each gift**. **Gifts and checks should be turned in by Sunday, December 10.**

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Please take a moment to sign the cards for our homebound members/friends that Erin has placed in the Commons.

**For the Grocery Cart:**

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