

Welcome to Worship

November 24th, 2024

Prelude

Gathering Hymn *O God of Light* ~ ELW 507

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

Psalm 93

The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and^l armed with strength.
The Lord has made the world so sure that it can-^l not be moved.
Ever since the world began, your throne has^l been established;
you are from^l everlasting.
The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted^l up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their^l pounding waves.
Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers^l of the sea,
mightier is the Lord who^l dwells on high.
Your testimonies are^l very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and for-^l evermore.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

Gospel

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love..

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Hymn of the Day

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd ~ ACS 954

Musical Offering

*Crown Him with Many Crowns ~ Cynthia Dobrinski
(Hallelujah Ringers)*

Offertory Hymn

Feed Us with Hunger for Justice ~ ACS 968 (3x)

Communion Hymn

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table ~ ACS 977

Sending Hymn

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

Postlude

Fanfare ~ Jacques Lemmens