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PRELUDE

Ringing of the Bell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Have mercy on us, O God.

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor.

We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger.

We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy.

Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice.

Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ☩ Jesus' sake

and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Crown Him With Many Crowns ELW#855

1—Crown him with man-y crowns . . . the Lamb up-on his throne;
Hark, how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.
A-wake, my soul, and sing . . . of him who died for thee . . .
And hail him as thy match-less king through all e-ter-ni-ty.

4—Crown him the Lord of life . . who tri-umphed o'er the grave
And rose vic-to-rious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glo-ries now we sing . . who died and rose on high,
Who died, e-ter-nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you **C: and also with you.**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel according to John the 18th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate 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?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from 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.” ³⁷Pilate 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.”

The Gospel of our Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Children’s Message

Song: What A Mighty God We Serve

**REFRAIN: What a might - y God we serve! What a might - y God we serve!
Angels bow be-fore him, heav-en and earth a-dore him; what a might - y God we serve!**

Leader: Do we serve a mighty God say AMEN, Congregation: AMEN

Leader: Do we serve a mighty God say Oh yeah ! Congregation: Oh Yeah !

Leader: AMEN, Congregation: AMEN . .

Leader: Oh Yeah! . . . Congregation: Oh yeah! . What a mighty God we serve!

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Angels bow be-fore him, heav-en and earth a-dore him; what a might - y God we serve!**

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus Shall Reign ELW#434

1) Je - sus shall reign . . where-e'er . . the sun . . does . . its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
His . . king - dom stretch . . from . . shore . . to . . shore . . till moons shall wax . . and wane no more.

5) Let ev - 'ry crea - ture . . rise and bring . . pe - cu - liar hon - ors . . to our King;
An - gels de - scend with songs again, and earth re - peat . . the loud . . a - men.

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THE CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. *A brief silence.*

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering *especially.....*

And those we name now out loud, in our hearts,
or add in the comment section at this time
(pause for names to be added)

Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray.
Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: I invite you, at this time, to make a gesture of peace to your siblings in Christ.

THE THANK OFFERING *For those who desire to make a financial offering you may drop them off at the offering station before or after service. You may also go to www.stpaulscasco.com and click on the donate icon at any time or mail them to the church during the week.*

THE OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: God of our ancestors, friend in our midst, your children come before you.

Here is food! Here is drink! These things are yours before they are ours.

Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving: God, we are thanking you.

With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts of heaven, O God, we thank you and rejoice. This food—we shall eat it in your honor! This drink—we shall drink it in your honor!

P: We thank you for giving us life. C: **We thank you!**

P: We thank you for giving us freedom. C: **We thank you!**

P: We thank you for bringing us peace. C: **We thank you!**

P: We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross. C: **We thank you!**

P: We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life. C: **We thank you!**

P: Father, send the Spirit of life, the Spirit of power and fruitfulness.

With the Spirit's breath, speak your Word into these things. Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body. Give us true communion with your Son. C: **Amen.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples. He also took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink. With these words he made us this promise. At this time, I invite you to lift the bread and cup. Please repeat after me the promise that our Lord gave us.

P: Take and eat; C: **take and eat.**

P: This is my body, given for you. **This is my body given for you.**

P: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. **This cup is the new covenant in my blood.**

P: Shed for all people for the forgiveness of sin. **Shed for all people for the forgiveness of sin.**

P: Do this for the remembrance of me. **Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P: Lord, you are resurrection and life. You, Crucifixion, are here!

You, Resurrection, are here! You, Ascension, are here!

You, Spirit—Medicine of Life—are here! Holy Trinity, bring us life; give us kinship and fellowship with Mary, the mother of our Lord, with all the elders and ancestors of your people, and with all your children. And you, our prayer—Prayer of the long-distant past; you, ancient Word, spoken by the Father; you, Breath of the Spirit—Prayer of the ancestors, you are spoken now! **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - sing

C: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE MEAL Pastor: You have just spoken the words of promise that the Lord has made with all of creation! Jesus is present in this meal because He has given us his word! There is forgiveness in this meal because He has given us his word! Those who believe in the promise are invited to partake in God's amazing grace at this time.

COMMUNION SONG: Blessing, Honor, Glory ELW#433

Bless-ing, hon-or, glo - ry to the Lamb. Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!
Seat-ed up-on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!
Bless-ing, hon-or, glo - ry to the Lamb. Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!
Seat-ed up-on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!
Bless-ing, hon-or, glo - ry to the Lamb. Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb of God.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and give you peace.

C: Amen

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praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Public Domain

POST COMMUNION PRAYER - - - BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Majesty

Maj - es-ty . . . wor-ship His maj - es-ty . . . un-to Je-sus, be all glo-ry, ho-nor and praise . . .
Maj - es-ty. . . king-dom au-thor-i-ty. . . flow from His throne, un-to His own; His an-them raise.
So e - xalt . . . lift up-on high, the name of Je - sus . . .
Mag-ni-fy . . . come glor-i-fy, Christ Je-sus the King . . .
Maj - es-ty . . . wor-ship His maj - es-ty . . . Je-sus who died, now glor-if-ied, King of all Kings.

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DISMISSAL P: Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Meditation for the week -- - Read Psalm 93

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Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be Wednesday, November 24
At 7:00 p.m. in person and online facebook.

Pastor's Midweek Advent Devotional will start on Wed., Dec. 1, 2021
Facebook at 7:00 p.m. Facebook.com/stpaulscasco Note: it will be left on the sight for
viewing at a later time.