

Christ the King
November 26, 2017—10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn

We gather here in grateful praise,
in prayer and song our voices raise,
for all our blessings, large and small,
we thank You God, who gives us all.

Hymn #378

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

arr. Smith

***Hymn**

“Here I am to Worship”

Hymn #297

(* please stand, if able)

***Call to Worship**

— adapted from Psalm 95

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Leader: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hands are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker, for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn**

“Great is the Lord”

Hymn #325

CLEANSING

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, we have just sung to you that we deeply desire your presence. Sadly, this song makes us aware of many areas of our lives where we do not want your presence.

We like to keep you in a cage. A cage to which only we have the keys. Having

you on the loose in our lives scares us to death. You could interfere with our dreams, our reputations, our passions, our wallets, and our schedules. We want you to be well-behaved and predictable, so we try to keep you under control. But Father, this is to our great loss. We think we are keeping you in a cage. But we are only confining ourselves with our own cramped vision.

So we ask this morning that you bring us out into the open. Give us a taste of the liberty and exhilaration of having you on the loose in our lives. Draw near to us and give us a taste of your dreams. Hear us now as we bring our personal confessions to you...

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 705

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. Amen, Amen.

THE WORD

First Reading

Jonah 1:4-12 (p.774)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Moment

Second Reading

Mark 4:35-41 (p.839)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“God Dies for Our Faithless Storms”

Rev. Rusty Mosley

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Affirmation of Faith**

“The Nicene Creed”

(See Back of Hymnal)