

**Last Sunday of the Church Year**  
**“Oil and Water”**  
**November 22, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m.**

*The flowers are given today in honor of Lawrence and Burnies Richter’s 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by their children and spouses: Mike and Georgann Richter, Peggy and Mark Scheel, Steve and Holly Richter, and Terry and Susan Richter.*

**PRELUDE** . . . . . “Darwall’s 148<sup>th</sup>” setting by Jeffrey Blersch . . . . . Carla Barrows, Organ

**WELCOME** . . . . . Pastor Michael P Dorn, Senior Pastor

**OPENING HYMN** . . . . . “Rejoice the Lord Is King”

ALL:            Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
                    Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.  
                    Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

ENSEMBLE: *Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
                    when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.  
                    Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Interlude

ALL:            Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come  
                    And gather all the saints to their eternal home.  
                    Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**CONFESSION**

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
  
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING. . . . . Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

**R** The Old Testament Reading is from the 34<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Ezekiel.

**R** <sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.” (ESV)

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING** ..... 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

**R** The Epistle Reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.

**R** <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For "God has put all things in subjection under His feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all. (ESV)

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** ..... LSB 173

**C** **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** ..... Matthew 25:31-46

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.'

<sup>41</sup>"Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' <sup>45</sup>Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (ESV)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** . . . . . Apostles' Creed

**☞ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** . . . . . Haley Davisson

**MESSAGE.** . . . . . Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

**OFFERING**

*(Offerings may be submitted online to [www.trinitydt.org](http://www.trinitydt.org), by mail to Trinity Downtown, 800 Houston Ave., Houston, TX 77007 or dropped off at the office, M-F, 8:30 - 2:30.)*

**MUSICAL OFFERING.** . . . . . "For the Beauty of the Earth". . . . . Men's Quartet  
by John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies, For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies, over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light: Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild, For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of Thine To our race so freely given, Graces human and divine,  
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise, This our joyful hymn of praise.*

**PRAYERS**

**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 and ever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN. . . . . “Beautiful Savior” . . . . . LSB 537, vs. 1, 3, 4

ALL: Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I’d love Thee, Truly I’d serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

ALL: Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Interlude

ENSEMBLE: *Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!  
Now and forevermore be Thine!*

## POSTLUDE. . . . . Fugato on “Crusader’s Hymn” by Gordon Young . . . . Carla Barrows, Organ

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