

37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?' 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?' 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

Matthew 25:37-39



Christ in Glory
(north transept vestibule)

Abington Presbyterian Church

November 22, 2020

10:00 A.M. Celebration Worship

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Christ the King / Reign of Christ

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Reign of Christ Sunday November 22, 2020

GATHERING

The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

A time for quiet preparation before worship

Loving Shepherd of the sheep, you have given us Christ, who shepherds the church. We express our gratitude for all the goodness you share with us. Lead us to serve you more faithfully as in Christ, you have called us to do your will. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prèambule

Louis Vierne

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

Gathering with a variety of needs, God pours out spiritual blessings upon us.

Blessed be the Lord God who calls us together this day.

Gathering from numerous places, God brings us home to the heart of grace.

Blessed be the Lord God who has glorified Jesus Christ.

Gathering for expressions of praise, we lift up the name of the One who reigns over all.

*** HYMN 263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we bring to you some ways we have not lived as your people:

we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive;

we cast our lots with those who worship power and success;

we offer insults rather than words of grace to those with whom we disagree;

we downplay your words which call us to a different lifestyle.

Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not recognizing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ. Enable us to submit to his reign.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God prepares the way for us - the way to grace, to hope, to new life.

In Jesus Christ, sin no longer reigns in our lives, and we are forgiven!

* HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When?

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The 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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand

of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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

THANKSGIVING & SENDING

After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

* HYMN 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

* BENEDICTION

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST *Greet one another with the sign of peace.*
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

* POSTLUDE "Fantaisie sur le Te Deum et Guirlandes alléluïatiques" *Charles Tournemire*
(from "L'Orgue Mystique")

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgists: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell and The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Choir: Kathy Messina

Organ: Rich Spotts

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In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, Roy Castor, Michael Kemp, Frankie Ryan (friend of Cindi Willis), Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Lauren Frazer (sister of Jeanne Hyczko), Sophia Southerling (friend of Amy Baker), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Bruce D. Meissner (son of Judy and Bud Meissner), Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Debbie Garrettmeyer (niece of Marlyn Whyte), Gary Lynch (son of Doug Lynch), Wayne Wilkerson (father of Amy Baker), Chris Popescu (aunt of Joanne Bates), Herb Ewald (husband of Lynda Ewald), Marty Bell (cousin of Alice Price), Elizabeth Cole (granddaughter of Nancy Webb Cole), Doris Boerner, Victor V. Johnson (brother of Pete Johnson), Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Janet Wells (mother of Gwen Bihn), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Marian Kupper, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Phyllis Frazier, Nick Cupo, Sr., Joanne Hawkins (mother of Nick Cupo), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., John & Carolyn Burrell (parents of Janet Gildner), Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Kris and Erik Reidenbach (friends of Sally Adams), Linda Doyle, the Carpenter & Trammell families.

For Pastoral Care: To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.

Thanks to Sandra and Jim Holt for the special flower arrangement for this season.

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

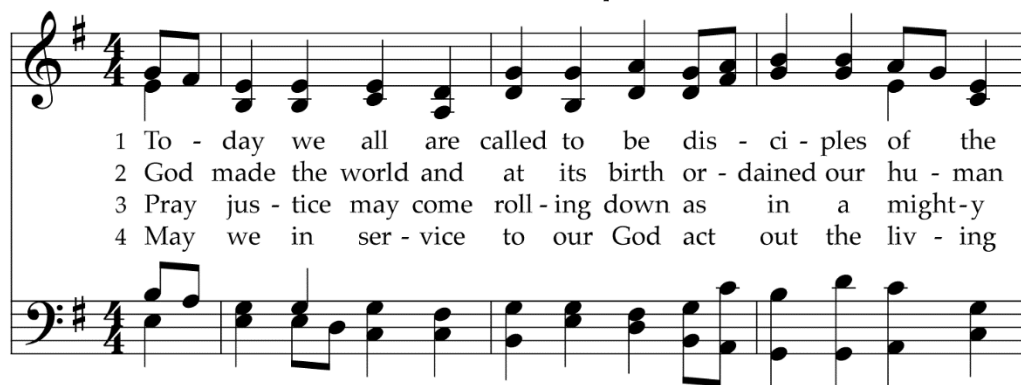
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 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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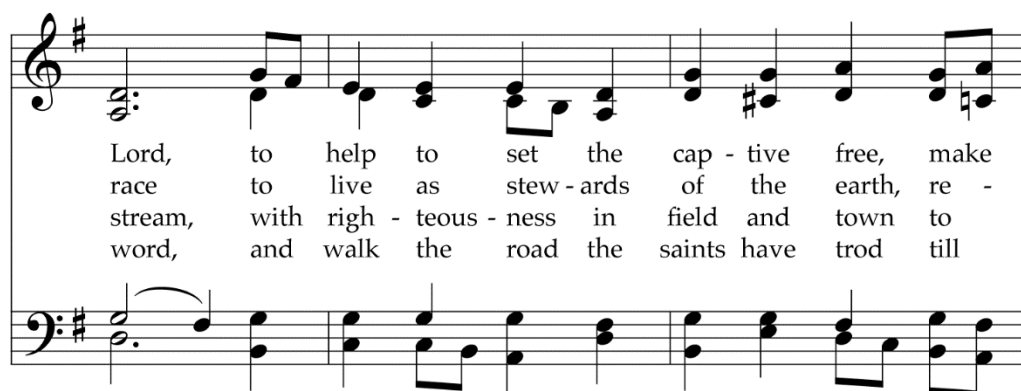
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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

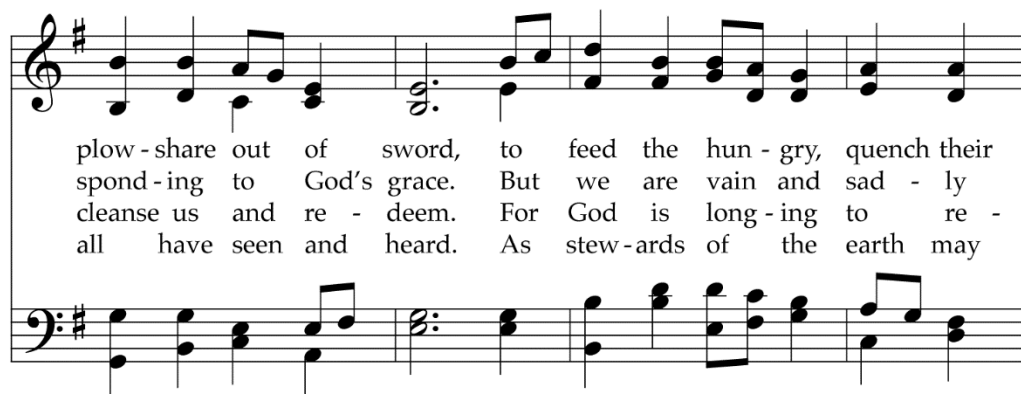
757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.