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Processional Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

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1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his Name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second commandment is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

The Lessons

Today's lesson from the Acts of the Apostles is about the first Christian martyr, Stephen. Known for being one of the first deacons in Jerusalem and a persuasive preacher, Stephen was arrested for blasphemy. At his trial, he gave a speech which ended with him being stoned to death. It was a turning point for the early Church.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles *Acts 7:55-60*

Stephen, enabled by the Holy Spirit, stared into heaven and saw God's majesty and Jesus standing at God's right side. He exclaimed, "Look! I can see heaven on display and the

Human One standing at God's right side!" At this, they shrieked and covered their ears. Together, they charged at him, threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses placed their coats in the care of a young man named Saul. As they battered him with stones, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, accept my life!" Falling to his knees, he shouted, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Then he died.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 31:1-5

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;

deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me;

make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,

for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,

for you have redeemed me,

O Lord, O God of truth.

Introduction: This lesson is attributed to Saint Peter writing to the Church at the end of his ministry. In this chapter, Peter focuses on the common identity of the followers of Christ who are identified as "living stones" that are being built together into a spiritual house where they serve as a community rather than isolated individuals. Peter invites everyone into the holy priesthood of Christ where every believer has direct access to God and is called to offer "spiritual sacrifices" which include our lives, praises, and good works.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter *1 Peter 2:2-10*

Like a newborn baby, desire the pure milk of the Word. Nourished by it, you will grow into salvation, since you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Now you are coming to him as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, it is valuable. You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Thus it is written in scripture,

Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable.

The person who believes in him will never be shamed.

So God honors you who believe. For those who refuse to believe, though, the stone the builders rejected has become

the chief cornerstone. This is a stone that makes people stumble and a rock that makes them fall. Because they refuse to believe in the Word, they stumble. Indeed, this is the end to which they were appointed.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the One who called you out of darkness into His amazing light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people. Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn *Morning Has Broken* #8

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ. *John 14:1-12*

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me

will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn *Morning Has Broken*

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s re-creation of the new day!

The Sermon The Very Rev. David J. Marshall

Reflection Hymn *“Morning Song”* arr. David Stasney

The Nicene Creed (*The word “catholic” means universal or global body of Christian believers*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

My friends at All Angels, will you pray with me.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, we remember the early Church that devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and lived in peace and harmony. Equip your Church with the same Spirit to be living stones that make spiritual sacrifices of our lives and good works.

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

Your Church is persecuted today, even as it was in the days of the Apostles. Breathe your Spirit onto those who seek to harm the Church so that they too will change their hearts and minds. We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the

example of the first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed forgiveness for his persecutors.

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

Bless this congregation. Kindle our hearts to seek the lost, lift up the broken-hearted, and invite our neighbors to hear your holy and life-changing Word and fellowship.

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

Bless and strengthen all who take counsel for the nations. Guide them in pathways of justice and righteousness. Use their labors to feed all people, to live in peace with their neighbors, and to walk humbly before you, their Lord and God.

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

Bring the healing of your touch to all those who suffer in body or spirit. Today we remember before you Downs IV, Holden, Barbara, Caitlin, Victoria, Alice, Annette, Charles, Anne, Ellie, Patricia, Bob, Eric, Amy, Trude, Donna, Carling, Carol, Rafaela, Scott, and Frank.

We pray for those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially, Downs III, Lauren, Nancy, Shannon, Frank, Carmen, Zachary, Claudia, Will, Pete, Cara, Jennifer, Lauren, Melinda, Lindsay, Melissa, Kelly, Davidson, and Kelsey.

We pray for those in Hospice.

Breathe your healing and peace on all those who suffer.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we entrust into your care those for whom we love but see no longer. (*Silence*)

Give us faith to trust your Word in times of doubt and confusion. Give us compassion to care for those in need. Give us joy, which is the inheritance of all whom you love.

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

Celebrant: Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory *There is Room in My Father's House*

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Holy Eucharist Prayer B

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the

grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Jesus invites everyone to meet him here. If you would like to receive the bread or a blessing, please come forward. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.

Communion Music

David Stasney

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of
the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our
Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy
mysteries that we are living members of the Body of**

your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* #460

- 1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 2 Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia