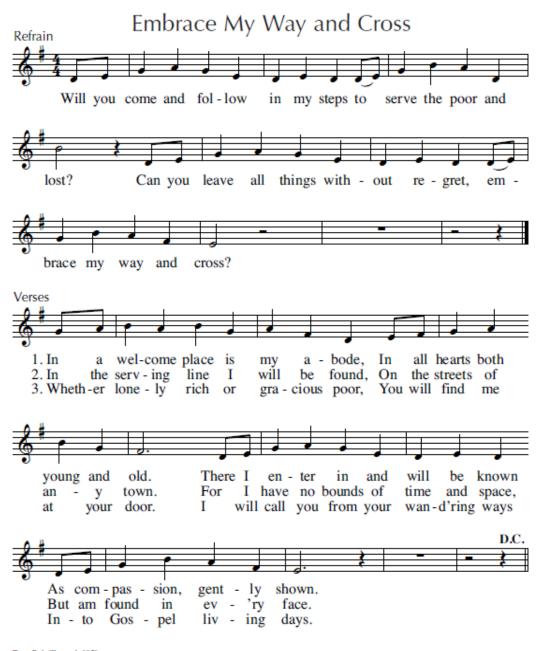
Liturgy – 34th Weekend in Ordinary Time November 24, 2024 at 5pm, Light of Christ ECC Feast of Christ the King/Sovereign Mass of Transgender Honoring Responses of the people are in **bold**

Welcome:

Opening Song: # 698 Embrace My Way and Cross



Text: Rob Glover, b. 1950 Tune: ROCKY POINT, 9 7 9 7 with refrain; Rob Glover, b. 1950 © 1997, GIA Publications, Inc. Teri: Let us continue as one expression of God's people. + Father, Son, Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Teri: May the Love of God, the care and compassion of the Incarnation, and the Fire of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *And also with you.*

Penitential Rite

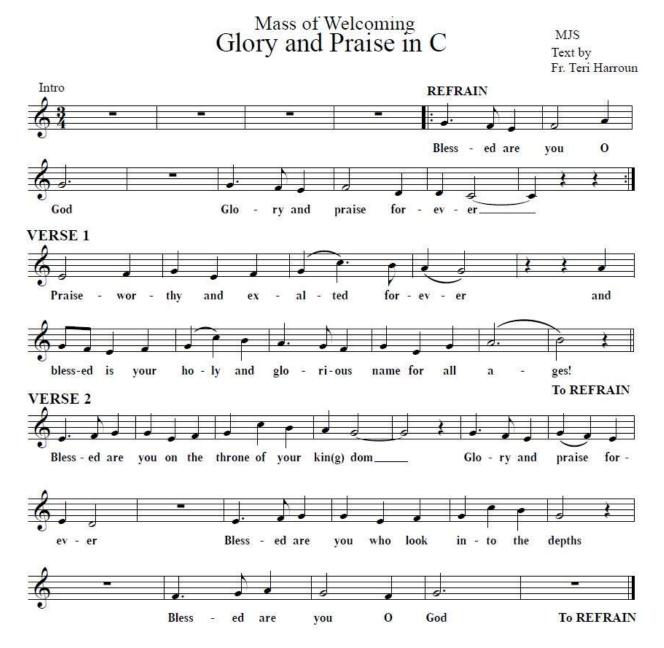
Teri: Let us ask God for open minds and willing hearts that we might listen and understand.

God, Your Reign is being love forever present. Lord have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*

Jesus the Christ, You are a leader who serves and a servant who leads. Christ have mercy. *Christ have mercy.*

Spirit of God, Your Kingdom is a Kin-dom. Lord have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*

Hear the Good News! Christ's life, death and resurrection have revealed life and love eternal. Your sins are forgiven. Be refreshed and renewed in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life. Together now we say. *Amen*



Opening Prayer

Teri: Let us pray.... Loving God, Creator and Sovereign of the Cosmos. As the Incarnation, You wash feet. You feed the hungry. You tend to the sick. You visit the imprisoned. May we follow in your footsteps being your Body in the world today. In Jesus' name we pray: *Amen*

First Reading: Kathy

Our First Reading is from the Wisdom of Sirach (24:12-21)

I have taken root in a holy people, people who belong to God, God's heritage.

There, I have grown tall as a cedar in Lebanon, as a cypress on Mount Hermon. I have grown tall as a palm in En-Gedi, as the rose bushes of Jericho, as a fine olive in the field, as a plane tree beside the water.

Like cinnamon and precious oils, I yield perfume. Like choice myrrh, I spread my fragrance. Like the smell and smoke of frankincense, I fill the tent.

I have spread my branches like a terebinth, luminous and graceful.

I bud forth delights like the vine.My blossoms become a harvest of abundant fruit.I am the Mother of Love, inspiring wonder.I am Woman Wisdom, imparting understanding.I am holy hope.

I, Wisdom, am undying and timeless.I am given to all my children, to all those named by God.

Come to me, you who yearn for me! Eat your fill of my fruits! The memory of me is sweeter than honey, sweeter than the honeycomb. All who eat of me will hunger for more. All who drink of me will thirst for more.

This has been a reading from the Wisdom of Sirach. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm:

Fr. Teri will lead a decade of the Rosary, the last rosary together for our year of Living the Rosary. We will do the Mysteries of Light (Luminous Mysteries), established by Pope JP2, October 2002.

Baptism in the Jordan Wedding at Cana Proclamation of the Kin-dom of God The Transfiguration Institution of the Eucharist

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us (children), now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Second Reading: Kathy

The Second Reading is from the Book of Revelation (1:3-8)

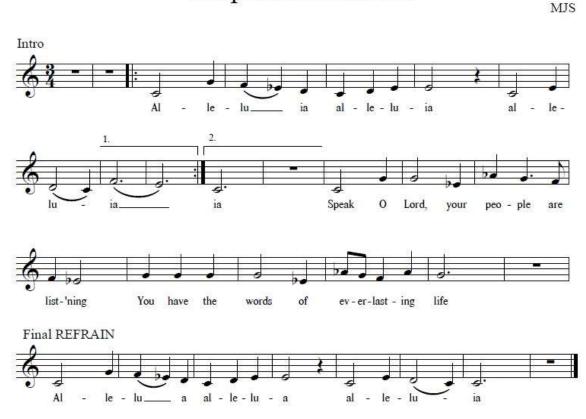
I, John, write to the seven churches in Asia. Grace to you, and peace, from the One who is and was and is to come. Grace and peace to you from the seven-fold Spirit who is before the throne. Grace and peace to you from Jesus the Christ, God's faithful witness, firstborn of the dead, leader and servant-leader of all who rule the earth.

To the one who loves us and has freed us, to the one who has made us to be a kin-dom, - all of us priests, serving a Loving God - to that servant leader be glory and honor for ever and ever. Amen. Look, Christ is coming on the clouds! Every eye will see it, even those who pierced Jesus. All the peoples of the earth will lament Jesus' sufferings. So shall it be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, " says God, "the One who is and was and is to come, the All in All."

This has been a Reading from the Book of Revelation.

Thanks be to God.



Mass of Welcoming Gospel Acclamation The Risen Christ be with you all. And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John and Mark (John 18:33-38 + 19:1-3 and Mark 10:43b-45)

Glory to you, O God+

From John:

Pilate went back into his headquarters and summoned Jesus, saying, "So, you are the king of the Jews."

Jesus responded, "Do you say this on your own, or have others told you about me?" Pilate replied, "Am I a Jew? It's your nation and religious authorities who handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "The realm I call my own is not of this world. If my reign were of this world, my followers would have fought with power and might to prevent me from being handed over. As it is, my realm is not here."

Pilate said, "Well then, you "reign" over a "realm", you must therefore be a king." Jesus replied, "It is you who say that I am a king. As for me, I came into the world and was born for this: to bear witness to the truth. Whoever belongs to truth listens to my voice." Pilate replied, "What is truth?"

Pilate went out again to the people and said, "I find no case against him." Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe. They mocked paying homage, again and again, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They slapped Jesus in the face. And from Mark...

Speaking to his disciples, Jesus taught: "Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant. Anyone who wants to be first among you must serve all. For the Human One came not to be served but to serve, and to pour out life that others may live."

The Gospel according to John and Mark. *Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.*

<u>Homily - Teri</u>

Prayers of the People - Kathy

Teri: I'd like to invite "Kathy" back to lead us in the prayers that have been prepared for today. The rest of you may remain seated.

Kathy : Our response today is: God of all people, walk with us. *God of all people, walk with us.*

For our planet. That leaders across the globe may act with justice and reverence toward all of God's creation, particularly toward places and people most in need. We pray: *God of all people, walk with us.*

For our church and our faith leaders. That we may follow Jesus's example of servant leadership, bringing kindness and love into every space we inhabit. We pray: *God of all people, walk with us.*

For those who are sick, (especially _____). For those who struggle, who are in need, or feel alone in the world. For those who will spend Thanksgiving alone, or apart from family and friends. May they feel the warm embrace of God's love surround them these days. We pray: **God of all people, walk** *with us.*

Kathy: For those who have died, (especially _____) and for all those close to us that we remember in a special way this day. For those who feel the pain of lost loved ones during this Thanksgiving week. May the friendship of Jesus bring comfort and healing to hearts that grieve. We pray: **God of** *all people, walk with us.*

Kathy : Fr. Teri will now read the prayers that have been typed in the comments (PAUSE until Teri tells you to go on.) For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray: *God of all people, walk with us.*

Kathy : In addition, Prayer Partners will be available after Mass here in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you. These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words.

Teri: Collect (adlib)

Sign of Peace

Offertory Song: # 661 Servant Song

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May these become our spiritual food and drink. *Blessed be God forever.*

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. They represent our entire lives, and all that we have to offer. These gifts have traveled through purses, pockets, and even the mail. May they become the Light of Christ in your world. **Blessed be God forever.**

Teri: Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

May God accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's world.

Teri: The peace of our God be with you all. And also with you.

Teri: Let us open up our hearts. *We open them up to God.*

Teri: Let us give thanks to our Loving God. *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Eucharistic Prayer:

Teri: We remember that Jesus fed 5000 hungry people with five loaves of bread and two fish. At this miraculous meal, there was such an abundance of food that everyone ate until they were full – and there were even twelve baskets of food left over.

Holy God, we celebrate what Your abundant care and solidarity reveals in this meal. Holy God, we celebrate what Your transforming presence reveals in this meal. Holy God, we celebrate what Your gracious inclusiveness reveals in this meal.

Yours is a kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. In gratitude now, we join with all of the choirs of angels and shepherds as we sing:



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Teri: God, Goodness of the World, you prepare tables before us. Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as your Body that we may become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine before us to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - "Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."

We remember also, that on the night before Jesus died, He took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying, *"Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood. The blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."*

Teri: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....



Teri: Beloved God, Creator of all, You have invited each of us here today, And so we gather around these tables, knowing that all tables are your table, O God, and all food is sacrament. We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race, differing in orientation and abilities, differing in politics and even religion. As we come together we discover that our differences are indeed a blessing, the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred, of You God, in our midst.

We remember in prayer our chosen Shepherds, Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul. Grant them grace for leadership each day.

The reign of God continues today. The work of God continues today. Despite the divisions, violence, and injustice in the world, you, God, continually bring forth renewed hope for solidarity, inclusiveness, and peace to and through each of us; our work with you, God, continues today.

Teri: Together now, we say.....

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.



LORD'S PRAYER

Teri: At LOC on Mother's Day we have a blessing of women. On Father's Day we have a blessing of men. This week was Transgender Awareness Day, and in support of our Transgender siblings I invite you to pray this Lord's Prayer for Transgender Awareness. If you are following on the worship aid, you are invited to pray aloud as well.

All: Our Mother and Father, our beloved parent, in whom we move and breathe and have our being, the hallowing of your name shines forth in the diversity of your children. May your peace and love, justice and equality, inclusion and belonging reign here on earth as in heaven.

Grant that our transgender loved ones might have their daily needs met—that they might find gainful employment without discrimination; that they might have access to medical care without fear; that they might have their rights and lives protected, and that they might find a loving community to belong to and call their own.

Forgive us for the ways that we have fallen short and failed your transgender children. Forgive us of the times we turned away, or did not care; for the times we laughed or judged their unique expression of your image; for the times we have misspoken, asked too much, or failed to hear

As we forgive those who might have failed us.

Lead us away from the temptation to be complacent in the face of injustice. But instead give us courage to stand up and stand with your beloved children. For your love and justice is to be made manifest now and forever.

Amen.



Teri: This is the Living God. This is the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

God, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.

(Invitation to Communion)

We are invited to these tables just as we are.

Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here: here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Let us look for God in the breaking of this bread.

Communion Song: # 808 Let Us Be Bread



Prayer after Communion:

Teri: We have heard the invitation of God and eaten at one of God's tables. May this food encourage us in body, mind, and spirit to go forth and be Communion in God's kin-dom.... In Jesus' name we pray, *Amen*.

Teri: The Love of God be with you. And also with you.

Teri: Let us open our hearts to receive God's blessing.

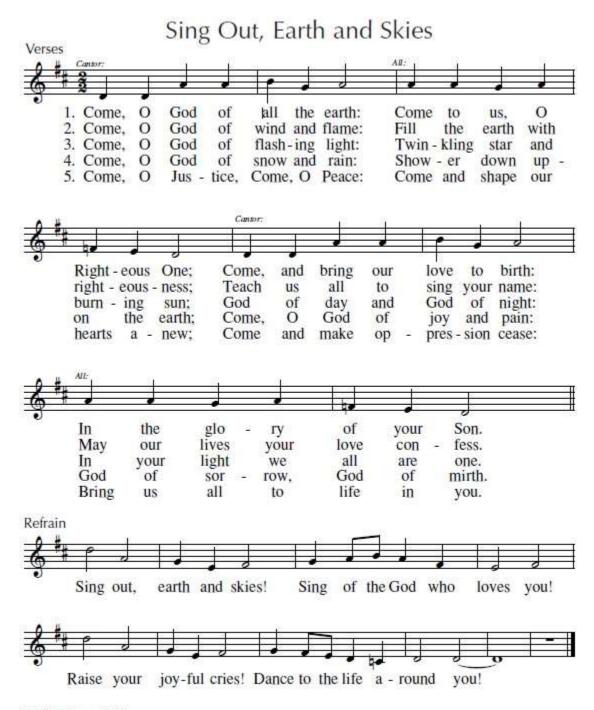
Jesus, we have walked this year with you, Living in the Mysteries of the Rosary. We have witnessed growth and learned from our choices. We have been inspired by Your story and Your presence. You put on the flesh and bones of humanity, and revealed your presence in all of creation: in times of suffering, in times of joy, in times of glory, and in times of light. Bless us, that we may continue to be prayer in motion in your kin-dom. We ask for this blessing now, + in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Please repeat our sending forth after me:

We are Light of Christ.... *We are Light of Christ* Let us go forth as such..... *Let us go forth as such* Loving and serving God..... *Loving and serving God* As we get to love and serve in God's world....*As we get to love and serve in God's world.*

And the people respond together, Thanks be to God.

Closing Song: # 497 Sing Out, Earth and Skies



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