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November 22, 2020: Christ the King/Reign of Christ, Year A

Thanksgiving (November 26)

Color: Green

Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at Oremus Bible Browser]

Following the Semicontinuous stream for the first reading and psalm

[Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24](#) (*The Lord's promise: to shepherd the people*)

[Psalm 100](#) (*We are God's people: the sheep of God's pasture; enter with thanksgiving*)

[Ephesians 1:15-23](#) (*The reign of Christ*)

[Matthew 25:31-46](#) (*The coming King and judge; as you did to the least, you did to me*)

Themes: God as Shepherd, Praise, Reign of Christ, Servanthood, Thanksgiving

The FOCAL PASSAGE on Faithelement's podcast for this week is Psalm 100

(Podcast will be ready 2 weeks before date of use)

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to Hymnary.org, a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the morning's scriptures or themes.

[All Creatures of Our God and King](#) (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)..... *Psalms, Reign of Christ*

[All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!](#) (CORONATION; DIADEM; MILES LANE)..... *Ephesians*

[All People That on Earth Do Dwell](#) (OLD HUNDREDTH)..... *Psalms*

[At the Name of Jesus](#) (KING'S WESTON)..... *Matthew, Reign of Christ*

[Come, Thou Almighty King](#) (ITALIAN HYMN)..... *Psalms, Ephesians, Reign of Christ*

[Come, Ye Thankful People, Come](#) (ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR)..... *Psalms, Matthew, Thanksgiving*

[Crown Him With Many Crowns](#) (DIADEMATA)..... *Ezekiel, Ephesians, Matthew*

[Give Thanks](#) (GIVE THANKS) [Smith]..... *Ezekiel, Matthew, Thanksgiving*

[Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun](#) (DUKE STREET)..... *Ezekiel, Ephesians, Reign of Christ*

[Let All Things Now Living](#) (ASH GROVE)..... *Psalms, Thanksgiving*

[Now Thank We All Our God](#) (NUN DANKET)..... *Psalms, Thanksgiving*

[Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven](#) (LAUDA ANIMA, [Goss]; LAUDA ANIMA [Andrews])..... *Ezekiel, Reign of Christ*

[Rejoice, the Lord is King](#) (DARWALL)..... *Ephesians, Reign of Christ*

[The King of Love My Shepherd Is](#) (DOMINUS REGIT ME; ST. COLUMBA)..... *Ezekiel, Reign of Christ*

[You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd](#) (PICARDY)..... *Ezekiel, Ephesians, Reign of Christ*

ANTHEMS

E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult
(Offering Music for Christ the King/Reign of Christ AND for Thanksgiving)

Be Thou My Vision – M Ephesians
SLANE/Heather Sorenson, arr.
© 2012, Hal Leonard, 35028337
SATB, Piano (opt. Oboe, Violin, Cello)

Christ, Be Our Light – E Matthew
Bernadette Ferrell
© 1993 OCP Publications, 80230
Unison, Descant, Keyboard, Guitar, Flute, Trumpet

Coronation – ME Ephesians
Craig Courtney
© 1986, Beckenhorst Press, BP1273
2-Part Mixed, Keyboard, opt. Horn, Brass (4)

Let All the World In Every Corner – MD Ephesians
Ralph Vaughan Williams/Craig Courtney, arr.
© 2010, Beckenhorst Press, CU1001
SATB, Piano (4-Hands)

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord – MD Psalms
William Mathias
© 1965, Oxford University Press, 9780193856240
SATB, Organ

Psalm 100 – M Psalms
René Clausen
© 1986 Mark Foster, MF 917
SSA, Piano (4-hands), opt. Chamber Orchestra

Psalm 100 (Jubilate Deo) – E Psalms
Robert N. Roth
© 1972 E. C. Kirby, 81071
Unison, Organ

Sing a Song of Thanks – ME Thanksgiving
Antonio Vivaldi/Hal H. Hopson, arr.
© 1987, H. Flammer, D-5383
SAB, Keyboard

Still, Small Voice – M Matthew
Karen Marrolli
© 2018, MorningStar Music, MSM-50-8124
SATB, Descant, Piano

We Gather Together – M Thanksgiving
John Ness Beck, arr., quoting *KREMSE*
© 1977, Beckenhorst Press, BP1047
SATB, opt. Solo, Keyboard

When the Poor Ones – ME Matthew
Miguel Manzano/David Cherwien, arr.
© 2010, MorningStar Music, MSM-50-5425
SATB, Guitar

– children and youth –

I Give You Thanks – E Thanksgiving
Jody W. Lindh
© 1991 Choristers Guild, CGA-561
Unison, Piano, opt. Percussion, Synthesizer, Bass

Rejoice, I Found the Lost – ME Ezekiel
Wayne Wold
© 1994, Augsburg Fortress, 0800653548
Unison, opt. 2-Part, Piano

Now Thank We All Our God – E Thanksgiving
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT/Michael Rosewall, arr.
© 2006, Augsburg Fortress, 9780800623852
2-Part Mixed, Piano

Open the Eyes of My Heart
with Be Thou My Vision – E Ephesians
Paul Baloche/*SLANE*/Mark Hayes, arr.
© 2014, Lorenz, 10/4514L
2-Part Mixed, Keyboard

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

I was struck recently by Jesus saying to Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world,” and thinking how many million times each second people pray, “Thy kingdom come.” Do we really want the radical reversal of all our assumed values that that ‘world’ would entail?

— SISTER JANE, SLG, *Loving God Whatever*

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Inspired by Psalm 2, Ezekiel 34, Matthew 25, and Psalm 100)

Why do the nations conspire,
and the peoples plot in vain?

Our hope is in Christ our King.

The sheep are scattered in doubt and fear;

Our hope is in Christ our King.

The least of these are waiting for justice;

Our hope is in Christ our King.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord;

Our hope is in Christ our King.

God has made us, and we are His;

Our hope is in Christ our King.

Let us enter His gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise;

Our hope is in Christ our King.

— Dalen C. Jackson*

GATHERING PRAYER

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

— CHARLES WESLEY (1707–1788)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(after Matthew 25)

God our shepherd, we confess that we have sinned against you with our minds, our bodies, our tongues, by our actions, and by our inaction. We have used our strength to take advantage of those who are weaker; we have failed to offer relief to the hungry, the destitute, the sick, the prisoners. We are not worthy to inherit your kingdom. In your steadfast love and faithfulness, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we might be your people, the sheep of your pasture, and walk in your ways, giving thanks and blessing your name. Amen.

— DCJ

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Inspired by Psalm 100, Ezekiel 34)

Our God, whose steadfast love endures forever, offers mercy now even to us. Our God, whose faithfulness extends to all generations, is faithful now to forgive us, to bring us back into his fold, to bind up our injuries, and to strengthen us in our weakness. Amen.

— DCJ

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*O blessed Jesus,
give me stillness of soul in Thee.
Let Thy mighty calmness
reign in me;
rule me, O King of Gentleness, King of peace. . . .
By Thine own deep patience,
give me patience.
Make me in this and all things
more and more like Thee.
Amen.*

—JOHN OF THE CROSS (1542–1591)

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A king knocks on the doorkeeper's door and laughing, leads everyone out to a table.

— Rumi (1207-1273)
Coleman Barks, paraphrase

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BENEDICTION/SENDING

(Inspired by Ephesians 1)

And now may the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation; may God enlighten the eyes of our hearts; may we know the hope to which God has called us; and may we experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe.

— DCJ

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