

November 21, 2021  
Reign of Christ Sunday

Call to Worship  
(*Revelation 1, Isaiah 6*)

One: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come,

**All: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

**All: The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

Hymn 159        *"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"*

Prayer of Confession (*John 18*)

**All: Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives.**

*(silent confession)*

***Amen.***

***Prayer of Declaration***

One: Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting— it cannot be contained, but must be poured out. Believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven. Live as a people set free.

## **All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalm 93**

- 1 The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.  
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
- 2 your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.
- 3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.
- 4 More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves\* of the sea,  
majestic on high is the Lord!
- 5 Your decrees are very sure;  
holiness befits your house,  
O Lord, for evermore.

### **Revelation 1:4b-8**

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed\* us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made\* us to be a kingdom, priests serving\* his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 8 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### **John 18:33-37**

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters\* again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' 34 Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' 35 Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me.'

What have you done?' 36Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' 37Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Scots Confession Statement of Faith

**The notes of the true Kirk, therefore, we believe, confess, and avow to be: first, the true preaching of the Word of God, in which God has revealed himself to us, as the writings of the prophets and apostles declare; secondly, the right administration of the sacraments of Christ Jesus, with which must be associated the Word and promise of God to seal and confirm them in our hearts; and lastly, ecclesiastical discipline uprightly ministered, as God's Word prescribes, whereby vice is repressed and virtue nourished. Then wherever these notes are seen and continue for any time, be the number complete or not, there, beyond any doubt, is the true Kirk of Christ, who, according to his promise, is in its midst.**

Prayer of Dedication  
(*Psalm 132*)

**All: Holy God, the psalmist declares that in your realm, all the poor are satisfied with bread. Plant that promise firmly in our hearts, that we might be agents of your covenant love. Use these gifts, shape our desire, until hunger is no more— for Jesus taught us to seek our neighbor's daily bread, and we pray by the power of his name. Amen.**

Hymn 307      *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*