

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 26, 2023

Reign of Christ

10:30 a.m.

***Please rise, in body or in spirit.**

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Prelude

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 100):

Lisa Thompson

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

All: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

One: Know that the LORD is God. It is the LORD that made us, and we belong to God.

All: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Enter the LORD's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to the LORD, bless God's name.

One: For the LORD is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

***Opening Hymn**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

No. 268

***Prayer for the Day** (unison)

Lisa Thompson

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Oak Hill Community

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, so that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

No. 264

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Anthem

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine
Mark and Brian Heuckroth, vocal duet

First Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Lisa Thompson

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Sermon

The King and the Least of These

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Meditation	<i>Lord, I Lift Your Name on High</i>	Susan Brown
Offering	<i>You can make an offering online at www.oakhillpcusa.org, place it in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary or mail your check to the church.</i>	Oak Hill Community
*Response	<i>We Give Thee but Thine Own</i> We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.	
Prayers of the People		Oak Hill Community
The Lord's Prayer		Oak Hill Community
	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.	
Announcements		Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers
*Closing Hymn	<i>Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table</i>	No. 186
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers
Postlude	<i>Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor</i>	Susan Brown

First Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then 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?’ ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?’ ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food,

Second Scripture Reading (cont'd)

I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

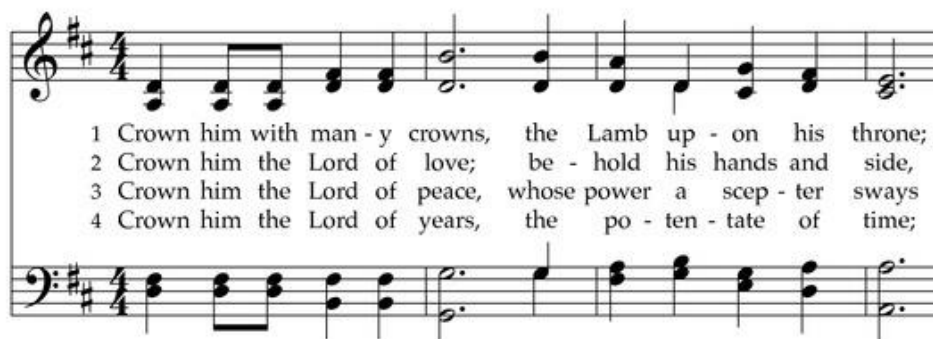
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

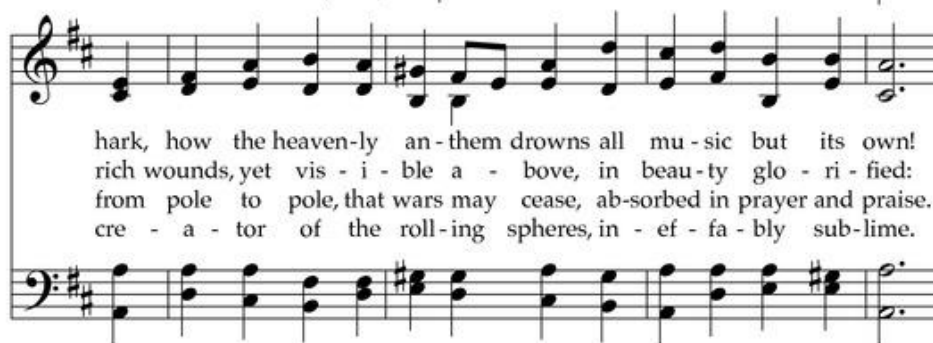
*Today's Prayer for the Day and Prayer of Confession are drawn from the
Book of Common Worship of the Presbyterian Church (USA).*

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information and updates: www.oakhillpcusa.org.*


Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



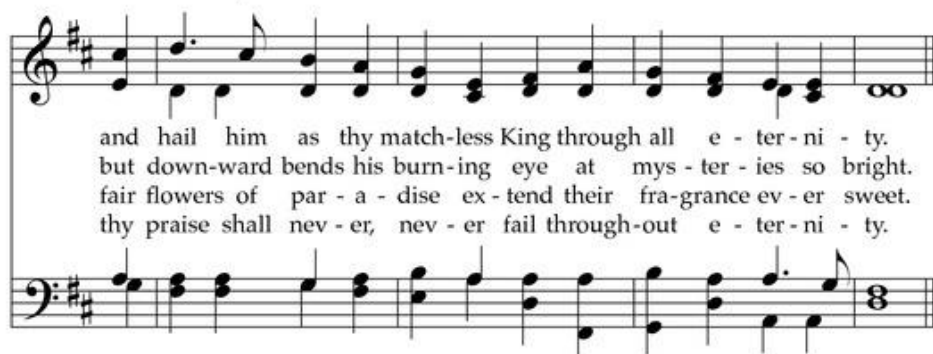
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;



hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

TEXT: Matthew Bridges, 1851
 MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1868

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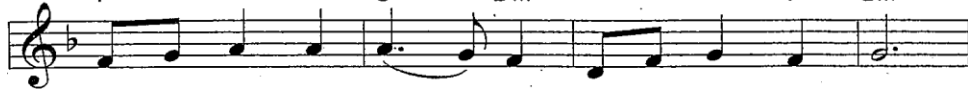
At the Name of Jesus 264

Capo 5: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (Am) (Dm) (Am)
 Dm C Dm F Dm Gm Dm



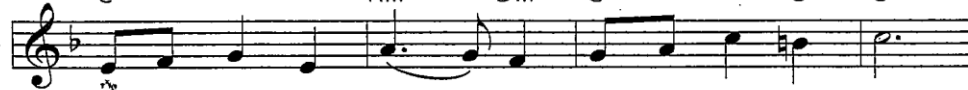
1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

(C) (G) (Am) (C) (Dm)
 F C Dm F Gm



ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

(G) (Em) (Am) (G) (D) (G)
 C Am Dm C G C



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's brea - st,
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

(Am) (G) (Em) (Dm) (C) (G) (Am)
 Dm C Am Gm F C Dm



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5-11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

TEXT: Caroline Maria Noel, 1870, alt.
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925
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KING'S WESTON
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186 Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table



1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble," said Je - sus
 2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y? When were you
 3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren, when you gave
 4 Christ, when we see you out on life's road - ways, look - ing to



Christ to the righ - teous a - bove. "When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and
 home - less, a strang - er a - lone? When did we see you sick or in
 shel - ter to war's ref - u - gees, when you re - mem - bered those most for -
 us in the fac - es of need, then may we know you, wel - come, and



home - less, sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."
 pris - on? What have we done that you call us your own?
 got - ten, you cared for me in the small - est of these."
 show you love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

This text reproduces Matthew 25:34-39 so faithfully that it can appropriately be regarded as a paraphrase of that passage; but like all effective paraphrases, it adds just enough detail to give the familiar language a sense of freshness and immediacy that helps us hear it anew.

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 MUSIC: Jeeva Sam, 1994; arr. Ron Klusmeier, 1995
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