



# Christ the King

November 26, 8:45 & 11:15 AM

## Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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*On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Fanfare

John Cook (1918-1984)

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,  
**we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

**Amen.**

1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

*Refrain*

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

*Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 95:1-7a (11:15)**

*Please sing the refrain after the organ introduction. Recite the verses in alternation. Pulpit side reads regular typeface. Lectern side reads the bold typeface. Please sing the refrain where indicated.*



We are the peo-ple of God's pas-ture and the sheep of God's hand.

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours. R**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. **R**

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 1:15-23

*In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I 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, so 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God 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, far 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And 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.’ Then 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; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I 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.’ Then 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?’ Then 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.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Nuss

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY—ELW 432**

*The Head That Once Was Crowned*

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov'-reign right,  
 Women 3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low  
 Men 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;

a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.  
 to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;  
 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;  
 they reign with him above;  
 their profit and their joy to know  
 the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
 though shame and death to him;  
 his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
 their everlasting theme!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855  
 Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669–1707

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## MEAL

### OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at [saintlukegive.us](http://saintlukegive.us)

You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church  
9100 Colesville Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

## CHORAL ANTHEM (8:45)

*Lord of Life and King of Glory*

Lord of life and King of glory,  
Grant us thy blessing, grant us salvation.

Son of God, eternal Saviour,  
Grant us thy blessing, grant us salvation.

Show us thy truth and thy light.  
We adore thee, O Christ Jesu.

Text: *Dulcis Christe*

Music: Michel Angelo Grancini (1605-1669)

## MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING (11:15)

Prelude on 'St. Magnus'

Christopher Tambling (b. 1964)

*Please stand as you are able.*

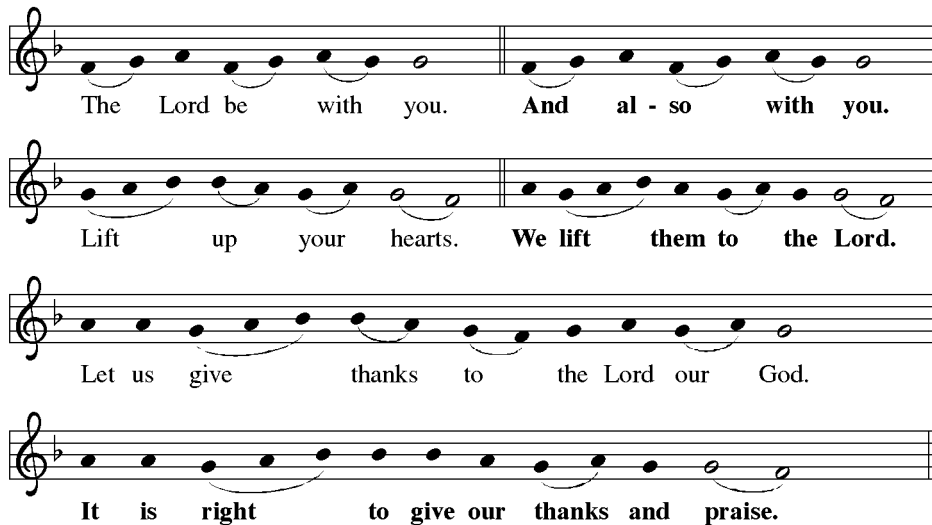
## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

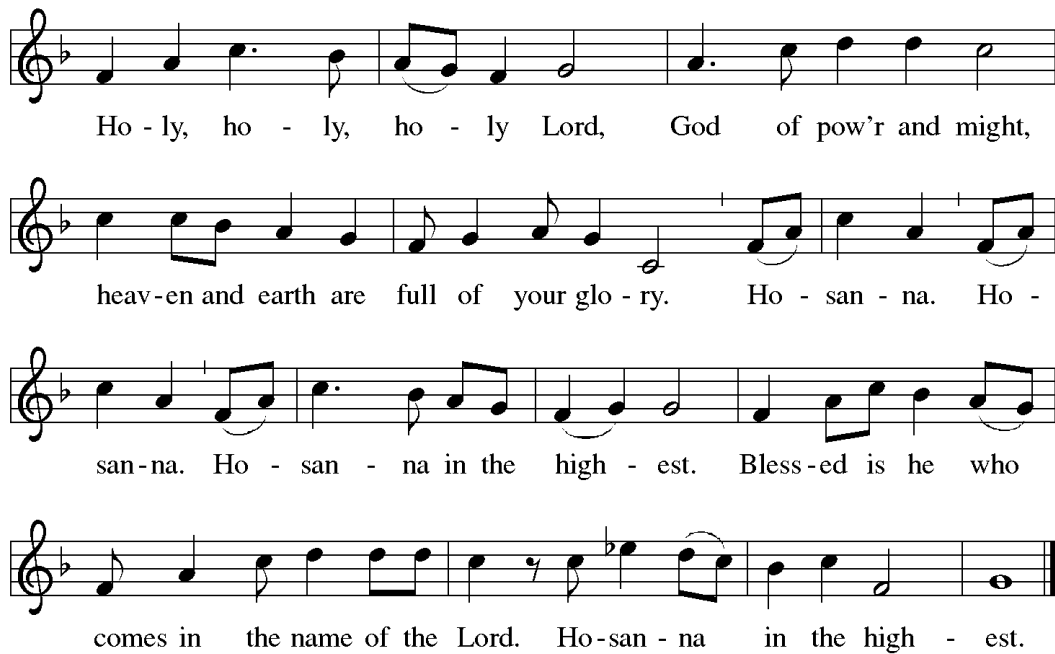
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please pray in your own preferred language.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,  
 forever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,  
 santificado sea tu nombre,  
 venga a nosotros tu reino,  
 hagase tu voluntad,  
 asi en la tierra como en el cielo.  
 Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;  
 perdona nuestras ofensas,  
 como nosotros perdonamos  
 a los que nos ofenden;  
 y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,  
 mas libranos del mal.  
 Porque tuyo es el reino,  
 el poder, y la gloria,  
 por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet.  
 Come and feast at Jesus' table.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say:*

**Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

1 Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and  
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the  
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -  
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the

rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our  
 earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,  
 scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and  
 robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the

bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the  
 for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his  
 glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we  
 Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to

throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!  
 pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.  
 raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
 reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.  
 Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

*Please stand as you are able.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—  
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
 on this terrestrial ball  
 to him all majesty ascribe  
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
 we at his feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 and crown him Lord of all.

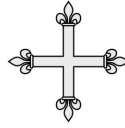
## DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Aaron Shows (b. 1989)



## WORSHIP LEADERS

### PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

### PREACHING MINISTER

The Rev. Gary Nuss, *Support Pastor*

### ASSISTING MINISTER

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

### READERS

8:45 Ed Fenstermacher, *Council Vice President*

11:15 Sarah Aderholdt, *Council Member*

### MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Schola Cantorum (8:45)

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## This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

### SUNDAY, Nov. 26—Christ the King

8:45 AM **Worship**  
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM SLSHY  
10:00 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)  
**11:15 AM Worship**  
12:30 PM Genesis Bells Rehearsal  
**5:00 PM San Lucas Misa Español**  
6:00 PM Reception

### MONDAY, November 27

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
4:00 PM After School Art Program - Langley Park  
6:00 PM Yoga  
7:00 PM ESL Class

### TUESDAY, November 28

8:00 AM CDS Classes  
4:30 PM Piano Lessons  
7:00 PM Reformation Bells  
7:00 PM Girl Scouts  
7:00 PM ESL Class

### WEDNESDAY, November 29

7:00 AM Faith Connections (Zoom)  
8:00 AM CDS Classes  
9:30 AM CDS Pastor Chapel  
10:00 AM Women in Community  
10:00 AM CDS Chapel  
3:00 PM En Camino: Children's Tutor Program  
5:30 PM Choristers RSCM program  
7:00 PM ESL Class  
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal  
7:30 PM AA

### THURSDAY, November 30

6:30 AM Parking Lot Ministry - Langley Park  
8:00 AM CDS Classes  
2:45 PM Caring Project: Children's Tutor Program  
7:30 PM Centering Prayer (Zoom)

### FRIDAY, December 1

8:00 AM CDS Classes

### SATURDAY, December 2

8:00 AM Food Distribution: Langley Park  
9:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism (Middle School) Retreat  
9:30 AM AA  
11:00 AM Al-Anon

### SUNDAY, Dec. 3—1st Sunday of Advent

8:45 AM **Worship**  
10:00 AM SLSHY: College Care Packages  
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM SLSHY  
10:00 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)  
**11:15 AM Worship**  
12:30 PM Genesis Bells Rehearsal

*NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed*

## Upcoming Commemorations

Andrew, Apostle

*Thursday, November 30, 2023*

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

## Today's Music

### Organ Music

**John Cook (1918-1984)** was an English born organist and composer who later in life emigrated to the United States and served at one of the premier Anglo-Catholic parishes, Church of the Advent, in Boston.

Cook's inspiration for *Fanfare* was Psalm 81:1-3: "Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day." Sounds in this piece alternate between a bold trumpet and bright, syncopated chords.

**Aaron Shows (b. 1989)** is a composer, organist, and pianist originally from Montgomery, Alabama. He has played some of the finest European pipe organs in Germany, France, and Denmark, and composes often for the instrument. He is currently the organist at First United Methodist Church in Pasadena. Former teachers include organists Harald Rohlig, Ann Labounsky, and Steven Cooksey. As a composer, his original works have been performed throughout the United States as well as in Europe, and has composed original scores for both feature and short films as well as web series and commercials.

His setting of the tune CORONATION starts with a regal introduction. The tune is then ornamented in the right hand. A brief interlude leads to another statement of the tune. The third statement of the tune is in a different key, softer, and different meter. The piece ends much like the beginning with similar musical material.

### Choral Anthem

**Michel'Angelo Grancini** (Grancino, born in Milan, 1605; died in Milan, April 17, 1669) was an Italian organist and composer. Grancini composed sacred music. Nineteen volumes were published in Milan (1622–29). Some 200 works are at the Milan Cathedral.

Grancini composed religious music almost exclusively, both in 'stile antico' and 'stile moderno'. His vocal writing reflected the seventeenth century, with Monteverdian derivations. His instrumental music shows the characteristics of the sixteenth-century sonata, joining it to the Gabrieli tradition.—Wikipedia

### Hymns

Although often sung for Ascension, "**Rejoice, the Lord is King**" was written by **Charles Wesley (1707-1788)** for the theme of Easter, where Christ reigns victorious over sin and death. There we "Rejoice" – the keynote of the hymn and of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4 ("Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.") – Hymn Note for Church Bulletins

Under the title "Perfect through sufferings" (Hebrews 2:10), the hymn is the story of two crownings of Jesus – the first by the Roman soldiers in mock tribute and the later vision of John where Christ wears many crowns (Revelation 19:12). While many Evangelical hymns of his time have been radically altered, Thomas Kelly's (1769-1854) hymn "**The Head that once was crowned with thorns**" is so skillfully written that it has always escaped the hymnal editor's scalpel. – Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

"**Blessing and Honor**" written by **Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)** first appeared in his *Hymns of Faith and Hope* (1871). There our first stanza is his last stanza in what he titled "The Song of the Lamb." His first stanza began "Into the heaven of the heavens hath he gone." The hymn as we have it is a rearrangement of his eight stanzas into four. It is a bold metrical setting of the hymn to the Lamb at Revelation 5:12. – ELW Hymnal Companion

Written by **Edward Perronet (1726-1792)**, a friend and advisor of the Wesleys who later became a Congregational minister, "**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**" has had many alterations. Rippon, famous for including "How firm a foundation" in his 1791 hymnal, added two new stanzas and extensively rewrote the others. Its extravagant praise and "crown Him" chorus become exuberant when sung to CORONATION. - Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins