




Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
Last Sunday of Pentecost  
November 21, 2021 9:30am



Be on guard, keep  
awake. For you do  
not know when the  
time will come.

-Mark 13:33, ESV

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**ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION** – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Grape Juice is in the center of the tray.)

**OFFERING** – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting [www.RisenChrist.info](http://www.RisenChrist.info)

**A WORD TO OUR GUESTS** – Welcome and thank you for coming. Brochures can be found at each door. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you "desire" a call for any further contact.

**Large Print Bulletins** – Available from an usher.

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**Parent Room** – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby (“Narthex”)

**For Children** – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

## **Pre-service Music**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**As We Gather** – Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. Next week we will turn our attention to Advent and preparations for the celebration of Christ’s incarnation. But as we prepare to celebrate Christ’s first coming, we also anticipate His second coming. Christ’s return in glory is the focus of this service. Jesus calls on His followers to stay awake and remain prepared for His coming. He warns that no one knows the day or the hour of His return. But He promises He is returning and returning soon.

## **Welcome**

### **Invocation and Opening Sentences**

*Based on Psalm 93:1–2, 5*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord reigns!

**C** He is robed in majesty!

**P** The world is established.

**C** It shall not be moved.

**P** God’s throne is established from of old.

**C** Our God is from everlasting.

- P** His decrees are very trustworthy.  
**C** **Holiness befits the Lord's house forevermore.**  
**P** Christ is coming soon.  
**C** **Therefore stay awake and remain prepared.**

### **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him Who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love.  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wondering eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the King to whom is given the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is king of all.

### **Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble**

1. Did you feel the mountains tremble  
Did you hear the oceans roar  
When the people rose to sing of  
Jesus Christ the risen One  
Did you feel the people tremble  
Did you hear the singers roar  
When the lost began to sing of  
Jesus Christ, the saving One  
And we can see that, God, You're moving  
A mighty river through the nations  
When young and old will turn to Jesus  
Fling wide, you heavenly gates  
Prepare the way of the risen Lord

***CHORUS: Open up the doors  
and let the music play  
Let the streets resound with singing  
Songs that bring Your hope  
Songs that bring Your joy  
Dancers who dance upon injustice***

2. Do you feel the darkness tremble  
When all the saints join in one song  
And all the streams flow as one river  
To wash away our brokenness  
And here we see that, God, You're moving  
A time of jubilee is coming  
When young and old will turn to Jesus  
Fling wide, you heavenly gates  
Prepare the way of the risen Lord ***CHORUS***

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## Confession and Absolution

**P** Christ is coming again and coming soon. Although we know this, although we have heard His words and warning, we have not always acted as though Christ were coming soon. At times we have grown complacent and lazy, focused on the things of this world rather than on Christ, His Word, and His salvation. As we gather together in the Lord's house, let us consider our failure to live according to His holiness.

*Silence for reflection*

**P** Heavenly Father,

**C we have not always lived according to Your Word. We have fallen asleep in the comfort of our sins. We have not stayed awake and remained prepared for the return of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and stir us up so that we might prepare ourselves and others for Christ's return.**

**P** Because of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, you are presented blameless before the presence of God. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen. To God be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, now and forever. Amen.**

## Introit

*Ps. 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV*

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,  
**the home of righteousness.**

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;  
**let me know how fleeting I am!**

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,  
**and my lifetime is as nothing before you.**

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?  
**My hope is in you.**

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

**Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;

**hold not your peace at my tears!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**the home of righteousness.**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into the world to die and rise for the sins of the world, and You have promised that He is coming again soon. Keep us firm in the true faith, ever clinging to Your promises and ever watchful for Your Son's return, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 51:4–6*

<sup>4</sup>Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalms 93

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

**<sup>2</sup>Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.**

<sup>3</sup>The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

**<sup>4</sup>Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea,  
the LORD on high is mighty!**

<sup>5</sup>Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

## Epistle

*Jude 20–25*

<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

<sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen

**L** This is the Word of the Lord. **G** **Thanks be to God.**

## In Christ Alone

**1.** In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

**2.** In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

**3.** There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

**4.** No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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## Verse

*Rev. 22:13*

**Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 13:24–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,

<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

<sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>***Be on guard, keep awake.*** For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore ***stay awake***—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: ***Stay awake.***”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.      **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Sermon – Be On Guard, Keep Awake, Stay Awake

**Verse 33** – Bleepete (βλέπω - blepo) – “keep awake”  
Agrupneite (ἀγρυπνέω - agrupneo) – “be on guard”

**Verse 35 and 37** – Gregoreite (γρηγορέω – gregoreo, derived from the word for “resurrected,” the perfect tense of egeiro)

## Apostles' Creed

**G** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You reign as King forever. Protect Your Church from false teaching and scandalous living. Set Your justice as a light to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**WOMEN** – Lord, You are robed in majesty. In creation, You clothed us with Your image, but we daily sin, staining and warping Your perfect image into something unrecognizable. Keep us in Christ, who clothes us in robes that have been washed white in His own blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**MEN** – Lord, in this fallen world, creation groans with many disasters. Restore the livelihood of those who have suffered such disasters as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and fires, for You, O Lord, are mightier than any storm or flood. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**WOMEN** – Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering. If it be Your will, restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**MEN** – Lord, death remains a curse until You come again. Though we know You are coming soon, we still mourn the death of loved ones. Comfort all who grieve with the hope of the promised resurrection and return of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**ALL** – Lord, we praise You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, Who taught us to pray:

**G** **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.**

**The Offering** - DURING THE OFFERING: Whether you are a visitor or a member, **please turn in a Worship Card** so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.

## Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Saviour  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

***Shout to the Lord, all the Earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares  
to the promise I have in You***

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## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**G** **Amen.**

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