

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

NOVEMBER 20, 2024

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

People Amen.

Pastor Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin both individual and communal.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor God who hears the cries of the oppressed,

People **We confess the ways we have ignored the cries of our siblings and the ways we have turned our backs so we may remain comfortable.**

**We confess the ways we have jumped to conclusions about those who are different from us and the ways we fear that which we do not understand.**

**We confess the ways we contribute to systems that choke out your abundant life and your breath of salvation.**

**We confess all that we have done and all that we have left undone that brings harm to our neighbor.**

**We confess the ways we are complicit in systems of racism, white supremacy, homophobia, and transphobia.**

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**We confess our sin, hear us O God, forgive us, change us, stir your Spirit in us to call us out of our sin and into your justice seeking love.**

**Pastor** God, who suffered for us just as we are, loves us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of †Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God, strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

**People** **Amen.**

**SONG** *“Give Me Jesus”* **ELW #770 vv. 1-3**

*Verse 1*

**In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise give me Jesus.**

*Chorus 1*

**Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.**

*Verse 2*

**And when I am alone, oh and when I am alone,  
And when I am alone, give me Jesus.**

*Chorus 1*

**Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.**

*Verse 3*

**And when I come to die, oh and when I come to die,  
And when I come to die, give me Jesus.**

*Chorus 1*

**Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.**

*Chorus 2*

**Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, you can have all this world,  
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION

Pastor Let us turn our hearts to God, Mother, Savior, and Spirit, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor God our Advocate, In the spirit of reformation, lead our church around the world to grow, lead us so we continue to embrace queer and trans people who are reflections of your divine image. God in this place guide us as we journey alongside our siblings in Christ. God of mourning,

**People Be in our midst.**

Pastor Creator, you create in your image and we thank you for creating outside the binaries. Cis, trans, male, female, intersex, genderfluid, and non-binary we are all your creation. Creator, we give you thanks for animals that express the multiplicity of genders like earthworms, clownfish, cardinals, butterflies, and frogs. God of mourning,

**People Be in our midst.**

Pastor God of justice, guide our leaders to cast out hate and bring love. Establish policy decisions that lead to liberation. Lead educators to respect all your children. Be with queer and trans people who are incarcerated and imprisoned. God of mourning,

**People Be in our midst.**

Pastor God of healing, be with queer and trans people struggling with their mental health. Help folks who are struggling to access gender affirming healthcare. God guide healthcare workers to provide gender-affirming care. God of mourning,

**People Be in our midst.**

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Pastor God who weeps. We remember the death of the saints that go before us. Those taken from this life far too soon and far too violently. God of mourning,

**People Be in our midst.**

Pastor We offer our prayers said aloud and those our hearts cry out trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**People Amen.**

## REFLECTION

## SONG

*"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

**ELW #325**

**I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

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**The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
    he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
    for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
    I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
    your rod and your staff — they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
    in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
    my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
    all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
    my whole life long.**

**NAMES READ AND CANDLES LIGHTED**

**Pastor** Present and loving God, you weep with us in our grief and fear. Enfold in your loving embrace all those in the trans community lost to death this year. Both in the US and abroad. Both named here tonight and unnamed. You know their names, God, even when they are misnamed or misgendered as a last act of violence and erasure. Violence seeks to destroy and to forget – but we do not gather in violence, we gather to remember. Jesus teaches us that everyone is our neighbor, that every life is beautiful and precious. You see each one of these people remembered tonight as created in your very image, and you call them your children by their chosen name. You claim them as your beloved. And as we hold them tenderly, we gather as a community bound together with them in grief, and in the hope for a more just and peaceful world.

**People** Amen.

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## COMMITTAL AND PRAYER

Pastor Our companions in faith and siblings in Christ, we entrust you to God. Go forth from this world in the love of God who created you; May you return to the one who formed us out of the dust of the earth. In the mercy of Jesus Christ who died for you; in the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you, at one with all the faithful, living and departed. May you rest in peace and rise in the glory of your eternal home, where grief and misery are banished, and light and joy abide.

**People Amen.**

Pastor Let us pray together...

**People Oh Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Pastor May God our Creator bless your being and bring healing where there is grief.

May God our Redeemer meet you in the midst of your suffering and joy.

May God our Sustainer carry you forward to work for justice and peace.

**People Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Pastor Go in peace to learn, live, and tell the story of God's grace.

**People Thanks be to God.**



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