



Wednesday Prayer

Christ the King Sunday – A Crown of Justice

O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
Psalm 95:1-7a

The Psalmist uses several imperatives in these verses calling us into community to worship with joy and thanksgiving. Come to praise the God who created and sustains us, the God who reigns in sovereignty above all other gods. “Come!” “Make a joyful noise!” We’re invited to lift our voices together whatever our gifts, whatever our background, whatever the quality of our singing voice. We bring our different pitches together in songs of praise. God has richly blessed the work of Cherish All Children and we have much for which to be thankful.

As we thank and praise the God above all gods, we also remember that we are God’s people together. Worshipping God, bowing down before God as King, also reminds us of our covenantal relationship. In the Psalmist’s words, we’re “the people of his pasture and sheep of his hands”. In a joyful, thankful response to God’s gifts of creation and redemption, we come together in community in our work to bring about God’s saving justice in our world. We pray, educate, advocate and engage congregations and communities to prevent sexual exploitation and trafficking offering our efforts to move the world toward justice.

As we end our liturgical year and move into Advent, let’s bow down and worship God. Let us lift our voices in song and praise and do all we can to move toward justice and peace in our world. We trust in our Sovereign God to work through us in overcoming the evils of war, sex-trafficking, and all forms of injustice. The breadth of voices and gifts we bring adds a richness to our work and to God’s kingdom. We are so thankful.

Sovereign God, accept our songs of joy, thanksgiving and praise for all that you provide for us. Use our words and actions to bring your will to fruition within all of your glorious creation. Amen.

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