



November 20, 2022 – Livestream  
Reign of Christ Sunday

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

arr. A. Bullard

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Day and night around the heavenly throne they never stop singing:

**People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come.**

Leader: Glory to Jesus Christ, the ruler of nations and the sovereign of souls.

**People: Worthy is our Lord and God to receive glory and honor and power forever!**

\*OPENING HYMN #327

*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 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 peace, whose power a scepter sways***

***from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.***

***His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet***

***fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.***

***Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,***

***those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.***

***All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;***

***thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.***

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

*Mountain Maker*

B. Mayo & L. Bailey

*Mountain Maker, Ocean Shaker, Grand Creator, Mother of us all/Father of the sky,  
Flowers of the field bow their heads and yield to the Mountain Maker, and so will I.*

God tells me I am his precious child and I wonder how that could be,

Maker of the seas, mountaintops and trees, and yet God created me. *Refrain*

And when I think of God's mighty power, feel the wind that blows to the sea,  
Watch the lightning flash, hear the thunder crash, and yet God created me! *Refrain*  
(*Hawaiian*) Haku mauna, Haku moana, Ku'u Haku, Haku Lani

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathleen Custer

**Almighty God,  
through the reading of scripture  
reveal to us the peaceful rule of your Spirit  
and bring us into the realm of your hope  
through Jesus Christ our faithful sovereign. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is giving you the land, and soon you will possess it, settle down, <sup>2</sup> and plant crops. And when you begin harvesting each of your crops, the very first crops you pick must be put in a basket. Take them to the place where the Lord your God chooses to be worshiped, <sup>3</sup> and tell the priest, "Long ago the Lord our God promised our ancestors that God would give us this land. And today, I thank the Lord for keeping that promise and giving me a share of the land." <sup>4</sup>The priest will take the basket and set it in front of the Lord's altar. <sup>5</sup>Then, standing there in front of the place of worship, you must pray:

"My ancestor was homeless, an Aramean who went to live in Egypt.

There were only a few in his family then,  
but they became great and powerful, a nation of many people.

<sup>6</sup>The Egyptians were cruel and had no pity on us.

They mistreated our people and forced us into slavery.

<sup>7</sup>We called out for help to you, the Lord God of our ancestors.

You heard our cries; you knew we were in trouble and abused.

<sup>8</sup>Then you terrified the Egyptians with your mighty miracles and rescued us from Egypt.

<sup>9</sup>You brought us here and gave us this land rich with milk and honey.

<sup>10</sup>Now, Lord, I bring to you the best of the crops that you have given me."

After you say these things, place the basket in front of the Lord's altar and bow down to worship him. <sup>11</sup>Then you and your family must celebrate by eating a meal at the place of worship to thank the Lord your God for giving you such a good harvest. And remember to invite the Levites and the foreigners who live in your town.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*In Christ Alone*

K. Getty/S. Townend; arr. C. Courtney  
Chancel Quartet

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 striving cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
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.  
'Til 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.  
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.  
No guilt of 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

'til he returns or calls me home. Here in the power of Christ I'll stand. Amen.

\*LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Brandon Wallace

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

**People: God's love is everlasting.**

Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

**People: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

Leader: For the goodness of creation; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;  
for seen and unseen splendors;

**People: Thank you, God.**

Leader: For human life; for creativity and compassion;  
for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

**People: Thank you, God.**

Leader: For work to do and strength to work; for purpose and prosperity;  
for those who help us with our daily tasks;

**People: Thank you, God.**

Leader: For the young; for their energy and curiosity; for their high hopes;  
for their search for freedom and purpose;

**People: Thank you, God.**

Leader: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience;  
for mercies remembered; for time made precious by its passing;

**People: Thank you, God.**

Leader: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing wounds;  
for preserving us in temptation and danger:

**People: Thank you, God.**

Leader: For the church into which we have been called;  
for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

**People: We praise you, God.**

Leader: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love;  
who prompts our grateful worship;

**People: We praise you, God.**

Leader: Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and lives again for our salvation;  
for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;

**People: We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

**People: God's love is everlasting! Alleluia! Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #102

*Now Thank We All Our God*

v. 1-2

***Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.***

***O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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. Amen.**

HYMN #102

*Now Thank We All Our God*

v. 3

***All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Sunil Kotian

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. H. Helvey  
Chancel Quartet/Cathedral Singers

Praise, O praise our God and King; hymns of adoration sing,  
for his mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.  
***Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.***

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

***All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.***

Give thanks to the God of heaven. His mercies endure forever. Amen.

\*DOXOLOGY #94

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:11-20

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the realm of God's beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;  
<sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—  
all things have been created through him and for him.

<sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

<sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.

<sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
<sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Governed by Gratitude*

Darren Cushman Wood

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #97

*For the Fruits of This Creation*

***For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;  
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;  
for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.***

***In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;  
in our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.***

***For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.***

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

arr. J. Westenkuehler

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Rev. Jon B. Walters, former staff member of North Church for 12 years,  
Mary Glynn Walters who passed away in January of 2020 and  
in honor of Dr. Joseph Mamlin who shared a birthday with Jon - November 17th,  
given by the family of Jon and Mary Glynn.*

This week's worship leaders

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*  
Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*  
Brandon Wallace, *Minister of Youth & Young Adults*  
Kathleen Custer, *Liturgist*  
John Hague, James Horton  
and Allen McCormack, *Audio Visual*  
Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*  
Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, Nov 23, 7pm  
Advent Traditions, Sunday, Nov 27, 4-6pm  
Advent Festival, Sunday, Dec 4, 5:30-7:30pm  
Parents' Night Out, Saturday, Dec 10, 4-8pm  
Youth Progressive Dinner, Sunday, Dec 11, 4-6pm  
Jubilee Christmas: Sorting - Dec 9, 9-10:30am  
Delivery - Dec 10, 9-11am

Sundays at North

Child Care Available in Room 102  
from 8:15am to 12:15pm

Alternative Worship (non Communion Sundays)  
in Room 104 during 11am service

Children and Youth Sunday School Classes

Pre-K: Room 102

K-2 Grades: Room 104

3-5 Grades: Room 203

6-8 Grades: Room 207

9-12 Grades: Youth Room

Adult Sunday School Classes

Sojourners: Room 005

Power and Light: Room 205

Musical Groups Meeting after 11am Service

Children's Choir: room 004 - Kindergarten (or age 5)  
through 6th grade

Cathedral Ringers – Handbell Ensemble: room 007

Youth Group, 4-6pm