

Perley Parish
Christ the King Sunday
November 21, 2021

Gathering Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.



Welcome and Announcements

- Turkey Bingo was a huge success – thanks to everyone who donated and played!
- Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday night at 7 – Kirkebo. If headed out safe travels and gatherings with family & friends.
- Time to order poinsettias – donations envelopes are available at Usher tables
- Reach out if you need something.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

God who makes all things new, forgives your sins for +Jesus sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. Amen.

Have mercy on us, O God:

We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 93 (read responsively)

L: The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

C: your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

L: The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

C: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!

L: Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One^[d] took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel according to John 18:33-37 **Glory to you O Lord**

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters^[a] again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

Children's Music - Nora

Children's Message - Dino Devotion with Tyrannosaurus Rex

Message

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

As Americans it is hard to really grasp the concept of Kings and Queens, monarchy in general however the English royals have been in the news a lot lately so we get a bit of a sense of what the House of Windsor. We grew up most of us seeing news and tabloid stories about Charles and Diana, William and Harry, now the struggles they are all having being a family and especially the health of the Queen these past few weeks. We can understand the sense of privilege that these royals have and even feel angry about the privilege that some seem to have that allows them to be above the law at times. Kings and queens, prince and princess spend their time making appearances at public events and functions, they jet about in an endless exhibition of extravagance. This **HOWEVER** is not the type of king that would fit into Jesus gospels though. And yet, Jesus **DID** eventually proclaim to Pontius Pilate, during that infamous line of questioning, that he was indeed a king.

Ironically we aren't alone in our understanding of what a "king" is. The Jews also had a different idea and thoughts on the subject of king than Jesus did. They thought

the Messiah – remember they have been waiting for the Messiah for a long, long time - would be a powerful king. So powerful that he would overthrow the Roman Empire, relieve them from the oppressors and bring power and prosperity to all of Israel. That however what not the type of King that Jesus had in mind – that was not what he meant when he said he WAS a king.

Back in the day of medieval times, a king was one who fought to bring peace, prosperity and yes, security for those who ruled over in his kingdom. Because of this people would pledge their allegiance to the King. They would be devoted to him and in return they would be able to live their lives in peace and prosper WHILE enjoying a full and satisfying life. Earthly kings would rule in very different ways from what Jesus does.

First let's talk about crowns – earthly kings where crowns of jewels and gold, the flashier the better. Jesus, well his crown was made of thorns and led to blood-shed.

Next, how about where and how they rule – earthly Kings, they rule from a throne. A majestic throne made of the finest cloths, metals and jewels. Jesus, well his rule was done from a cross made of wood.

Finally, earthly kings rule by strength and power. Not Jesus, he rules by and with love. Some real differences!

Now think for a minute about being in that power – they are only able to provide the security, peace and prosperity IF their followers and subjects follow them. If they decide to go against them – to be rebel – they can be driven out of their power and lose all those fancy privileges and even their lives. It's a thin line between have loyal subjects and the moment when they decide they want to rebel. All that is can be lost in an instant for the kings of kingdoms.

Our Gospel has a bit of ironic actions and statements in that it points out not only the disloyalty of the Jews to Jesus but also the Romans. First we focus on the Jesus and the claim that he is King of the Jews. The Jews aren't saying this – in fact they are rejecting Jesus and stand outside shouting for his execution. When asked if Jesus was indeed their king, what did they do? They compromised their faith and separated themselves from Jesus. And the Romans? Well in Jesus' conversation with Pilate, Pilate asks him if he was a Jew. Clearly, Pilate WASN'T a Jew – he was Roman through and through. He did however act like a Jew in that he too separated himself from Jesus. He too went against his conscience and ordered the death of Jesus. He too looked the other way and sent him to be crucified.

Earthly kings, kings of then and kings of now, have their own lands, their own kingdoms. They rule their people in that kingdom and sometimes they even use force inside their kingdom to keep rule and order. When threats come from outside the kingdom they will use force as well to ensure all those within the kingdom are safe and sound. We often times then find ourselves thinking and expecting Jesus to be and act like an earthly king. We too expect him to use force – maybe even his miraculous power – in order to secure and save HIS kingdom. We are often times disappointed though when our prayers aren't answered quick enough or too our liking. When his power isn't used in a way in which we would like or prefer.

The kingdom of God however isn't geographical. It isn't a place but rather the lives of all people who respond to the Word and follow God. Jesus' kingdom is all about relationship and he doesn't rule them with power and strength but rather with love – steadfast, overwhelming and never-ending love!

This Sunday is Christ the King Sunday. We gather today to proclaim the truth – that Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords. That is the truth no matter how we respond to him and to the gospel message. Think of it this way. Is Jesus a king? Better yet, is Jesus your king? Do we find ourselves acting more like the Jews and Pilate in our story? Do we allow ourselves to be separated from God – especially in our times of trial?

Let us be more like those who hear the truth and follow in faith the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Let us be those who proclaim Jesus Christ is our King and the one who is Lord over and with us. Amen.

Hymn of the Day/Offering – Lead on O King Eternal

*Lead on, O King Eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.*

Offering Procession: We Give Thee but Thine Own

*We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Apostles Creed

**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 Christian/catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the people: (Hear us O God, **Your mercy is great**)

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of the world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

God you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for all those – pastors, missionaries, evangelists and teachers who carry forgiveness and love to the world. Fill

their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine.
Hear us O God, **Your mercy is great**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances and leaders of our worlds to always choose a non-violent path towards the future. Give them the humanity and wisdom to make just decisions that benefit all. Hear us O God, **Your mercy is great**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and all places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering. Bring wholeness to all who struggles with illness, disease and long for healing in any way. Today we especially lift up Roger and Sonya, Daniel and Terry, Marlis and Whitney, Jaime, Anne, Brent and Lynn and those we now name silently in our hearts.... Join our prayers with all those who pray in the body of Christ. Hear us O God, **Your mercy is great**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

Words of Institution

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

C: In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

P: 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 remembrance of me.*

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

C: Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

C: all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. 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

Invitation to Communion

P: A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

After Communion Prayer:

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

Blessing: (sung)

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen

Sending Bell

Sending Hymn: Soon and Very Soon #744 Blue
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, We are going to see the King.

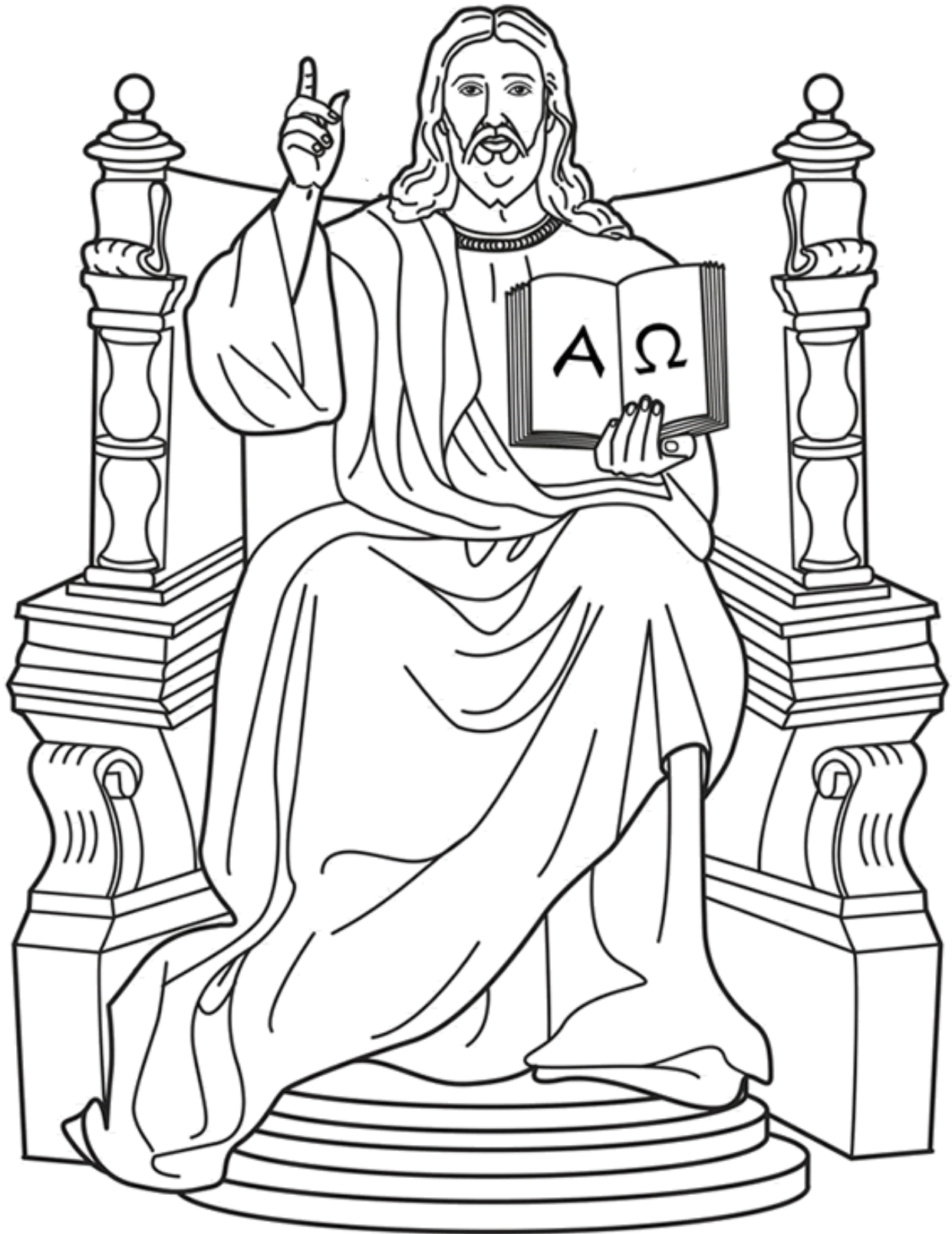
No more dying there, We are going to see the King,
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No more dying there, We are going to see the King,
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Dismissal: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark Your Calendars:

Thanksgiving Eve Service – Wednesday, November 24th at 7pm – Kirkebo
Sunday, November 28th – 9am Service at Kirkebo, 10am Sunday school and
11am Service at Nora

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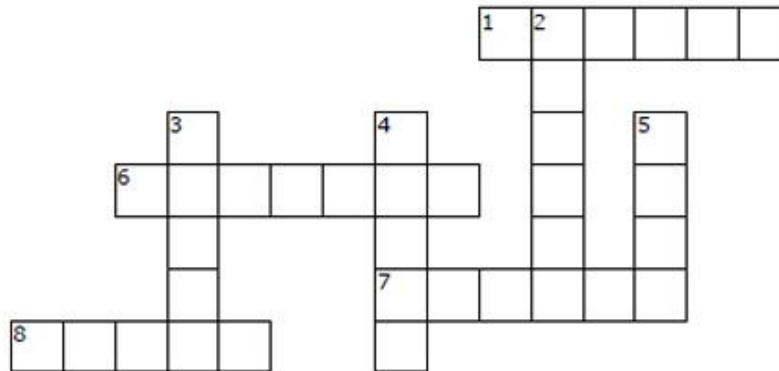
Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.

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| 3. | O | C | S | D | F | B | | R | N | O | N | R | J |
| 4. | V | G | V | K | I | N | | Z | U | M | X | O | H |
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ACROSS

1. Where a king or queen lives
6. An area or territory ruled by king or queen
7. To make an effort to hear something
8. A statement proven to be or accepted as accurate or factual

DOWN

2. To capture and hold under the authority of law
3. To battle, quarrel, or argue; a conflict between two or more people
4. The earth or universe
5. Brought into life by birth

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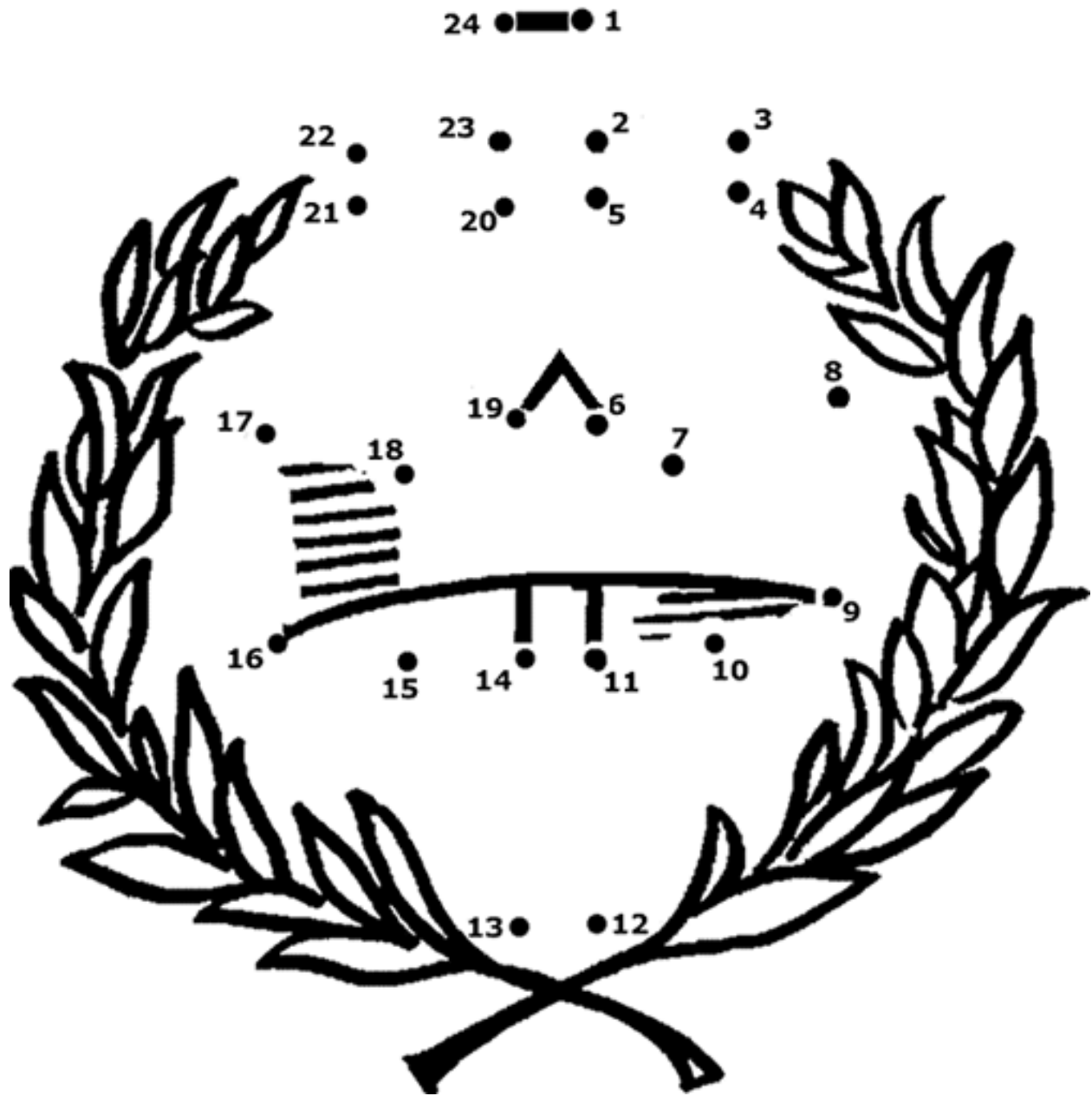
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Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- ___ 1. Young people between birth and teenage years
A. birth B. priest C. children D. sad
- ___ 2. Shedding tears, usually accompanied by sobs
A. children B. crying C. pray D. worship
- ___ 3. To make a request to God
A. family B. worship C. pray D. priest
- ___ 4. Unhappy or sorrowful
A. pray B. sad C. priest D. birth
- ___ 5. The process of giving life to a child
A. crying B. children C. worship D. birth
- ___ 6. A person who has authority to conduct religious ceremonies
A. birth B. priest C. sad D. pray
- ___ 7. The members of a household; parents and their children
A. pray B. crying C. children D. family
- ___ 8. The love, devotion, and adoration shown to God
A. family B. worship C. priest D. children



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John 18:37a (NIV)