

John 18:33-37
Christ the King Sunday
November 21, 2021

There is no manuscript for today's sermon. In brief, the basis of the sermon is on listening to Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life. Having a baptism this morning, I hearkened back to Jesus' own baptism and the word of God calling down out of heaven saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with whom I am well pleased." I hearkened back to that same voice calling down from the mountain at Jesus' transfigurations for the disciples to hear that said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him." It's that promise I can only imagine that sustained Jesus. It's that promise that will sustain Annabelle in her life of faith. When we listen for the truth, let us hear that promise. Let us proclaim that promise. May that promise guide our decisions and be a way of life as we live in all the many kingdoms that attempt to vie for our allegiance. The many kingdoms that at times try to strip us of that identity. Jesus listened so often to the One who sent him into the world. We see Jesus praying so many times. I can only imagine some times he was listening for that voice, a reminder amidst all he was going through, "You are my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased."