

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 21, 2021, AT 11:15 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

*Please keep a prayerful quiet as we prepare for worship.
Our liturgy is drawn from a variety of resources. Please see footnotes for references.
The People's responses are printed in **bold**.*

Prelude

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

arr. Jeanne Cotter

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 494

Crown him with many crowns

Diademata



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; hark
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; crown



1 how the heaven - ly an - them - drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath - trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the - strife for those he came to save; his
4 him the King, to whom is - given, the won - drous name of Love. Crown



1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
4 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown



1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
4 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

— Text: Matthew Bridges (1800–1894)

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make all things new. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

Glory to God

Paul M. Vasile

Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the
Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the
Spir-it, whose love has set me free. As it
was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A-men.

— Text: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile

Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading *seated* 2 Samuel 23:1-7

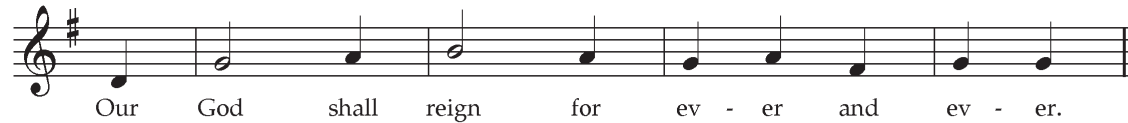
These are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) and Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956)

The People sing the antiphon after it has been introduced by the Choir and where indicated in the text.



God is Sovereign, clothed in splendid apparel; *

God is robed in majesty and is girded with strength.

God has made the whole world so sure *

that it cannot be moved;

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *

you are from everlasting. *Antiphon*

The waters have lifted up, O God, the waters have lifted up their voice; *

the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *

mightier is the Holy One who dwells on high.

Your testimonies are very sure, *

and holiness adorns your house, O God, for ever and for evermore. *Antiphon*

Gospel Alleluia *standing as you are able*

James Walsh (b. 1940)



The Gospel John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Judeans?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Judean, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" 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 Judeans. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." 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 the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All repeat the sung Alleluia.

Sermon The Rev. Ledlie I. Laughlin

A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *standing as you are able*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor Living God, you have created all that is. Send forth your Spirit to renew and restore us, that we may proclaim your good news in all that we do. Holy Spirit, hear our prayer, **and let our cry come to you.**

We pray for a spirit of joy in the church. We pray for the spirit of peace in the world, that all peoples may live in harmony. We pray for the spirit of justice for the needy, that oppression may end and victims of violence, racism, and exploitation be made whole. Holy Spirit, hear our prayer, **and let our cry come to you.**

We pray for the spirit of healing for all who are ill or in need among us, especially . . . Friends, who else needs our prayers today? *Please add your petitions, aloud or in silence.* Holy Spirit, hear our prayer, **and let our cry come to you.**

We pray for the spirit of hope in the future, that we may be united with all who have died, especially . . . *Please add your petitions, aloud or in silence.* Holy Spirit, hear our prayer, **and let our cry come to you.**

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially . . . *Please add your petitions, aloud or in silence.* Holy Spirit, hear our prayer, **and let our cry come to you.**

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace *The Presider says to the People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text "SCEC" to 73256 and you will receive a return text with instructions.

Anthem

Fanfare: Hosanna! William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)
The St. Columba Singers

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

—Text: Matthew 21:9

Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, God of many names, whose Spirit runs freely throughout the earth, whose image lies deep in every mortal soul.

In your grace your Word is made known to all people, calling forth the best they have to offer; your Beloved is immersed in the waters of creation, healing the chaos that floods our world; your Son is the guest who offers new wine and warms hearts grown cold and withered.

Therefore, we celebrate the rays of morning light that bathe the world in glory and kindle a new song:

Sanctus and Benedictus *sung by all* Mass of Plenty Ray Glover (1928–2017)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, 1. Heav - en and earth, heav - en and earth are
2. Blessed is the one, blessed is the one who
full of your glo - ry. Chorus: Ho - san - na in the
comes in the name of the Lord.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Repeat the chorus after the second verse.

We ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup of wine, saying: "Drink this, all of you: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all that words can hold. And so we proclaim the great mystery of faith, saying:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With these gifts we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love. Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more, and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share a feast of abundance. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior, by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

We alternate seasonally between the traditional and contemporary versions of the Lord's Prayer.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence observed.

Fraction Anthem

Let us be bread

Thomas Porter (b. 1958)

The People sing the refrain with the Choir and where indicated in the text.

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love free-ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord.——

I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more. *Refrain* —Text: Thomas Porter

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ When you come to the altar a paper cup will be put in your hand. Inside the paper cup is a consecrated wafer. Please consume the bread. After taking the bread out, the cup becomes a vessel for the wine. Please deposit the paper cup into one of the baskets nearby so that it can be reverently disposed of. ■ Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.

Anthem

Christ hath a garden
The St. Columba Singers

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Christ hath a garden walled around,
a paradise of fruitful ground,
chosen by love and fenced by grace
from out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand,
there planted by his mighty hand;
by Eden's gracious streams, that flow
to feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heav'n, and bear
their sweetest perfume through the air;
stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,
till the beloved Master come.

That he may come, and linger yet
among the trees that he hath set;
that he may evermore be seen
to walk amid the springing green.

—Text: Robert Bridges (1844–1930), after Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Hymn 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829–1885)

Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers *when scheduled*

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.

Blessing

The People respond **Amen.**

Hymn 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Duke Street

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

arr. Jolene Boyd

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