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The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King November 24, 2024 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please silence your electronic devices. The blue Hymnal 1982 contains the music and lyrics of hymns, and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) contains the full text of prayers.

The Opening Voluntary

Toccata in D Minor

J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn

"Crown him with many crowns"

Hymn 494

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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.*

Gloria in excelsis Glory to God Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

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 gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Reader A reading from the Prophet Daniel (7:9-10, 13-14)

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One 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. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God

Psalm 93 Dominus regnavit

- The Lord is King; he has put on /splendid ap/parel; * the Lord has put on his apparel and /girded himself with /strength.
- 2 He has made the whole /world so /sure * that /it cannot be /moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has/been es/tablished; * you /are from ever/lasting.
- The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted /up their /voice; * the waters have lifted /up their pounding /waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers /of the/ sea, * mightier is the /Lord who dwells on /high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very /sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever /and for ever/more.

Reader A reading from the Revelation to John (1:4b-8)

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (18:33-37) People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 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?" 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." 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. John Adams

The Nicene Creed standing

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

The Prayers of the People Form IV

BCP 388

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world. (Pause) Grant, Almighty God,

that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Reader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and

peace: that we may honor one another and serve the common good. (Pause)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Reader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its

resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. (Pause)

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Reader

Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. (*Pause*) Lord, in your

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People Hear our prayer.

Reader Comfort and heal Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Linda, Betsy, Mary Ruth, Nancy,

> Mark, Morgan, Jennifer, Lucia, Will, Pete, Peg, and Dennis, all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles,

and bring them the joy of your salvation. (Pause) Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be

fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal

kingdom. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin Kneeling or standing **BCP 360**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God. we have not loved our neighbors as we confess that we have sinned against ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly in thought, word, and deed, repent.

by what we have done,

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, and by what we have left undone. have mercy on us and forgive us:

We have not loved you with our whole that we may delight in your will,

heart; and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

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.

The Peace Standing

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you. The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements.

Offertory Anthem

He, Whom Angels Worship

trad, Irish, arr. Alan Bullard

The Doxology:

v. 3, Hymn 380

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B

Standing

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up our hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right... to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Standing or kneeling

We give thanks to you... do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 138

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem Christ Our Passover Hymnal S 154
Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Glutenfree wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalicer will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalicer. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant The blessing of peace Psalm 29

Communion Hymn Let all mortal flesh keep silence Hymn 324

Once all have received, the celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. The celebrant blesses the people.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional Hymn "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates" Hymn 436

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates arr. Margaret Mueller

The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Ronnie L. Wagoner on our wedding Anniversary By Ginger Wagoner

The beauty of the Narthex Flowers are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Paul B. Toms and May Hooker Toms By the Family

The Bountiful Harvest is Given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving For our Many Blessings

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Trinity, Staunton. Pray for the people of Trinity, Staunton, their Curate, the Rev. Cara Modisett, and their rector, The Rev. AJ Heine. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

2025 Pledges

To this point, we have received 42 pledges totaling \$194,430 for 2025, compared to 56 totaling \$221,220 for 2024. If you've not yet done so, we ask that you take some time to pray about your giving to Christ Church next year and submit your pledge as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available in the narthex or from the office.

Angel Tree - the tree is up now and loaded with angels

Christ Church is partnering with the Boys & Girls Club to provide Christmas gifts for local children in need. If you wish to participate, please take one (or more) angel cards from the tree in the Narthex and record that you have done so using the form on the podium next to the tree. ALL gifts, with the angel card attached, are due to either the Church office OR the Narthex no later than Friday, December 13. Instructions were emailed to you, but feel free to pick up a copy when you sign out an angel card from the tree. The Church office is not accepting money for this ministry this year. Thank you in advance for your support of this partnership ministry between CEC and BGC.

Monday Bible Study

The Monday night Bible study meets from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Parish House. On November 25, we will conclude the thirteenth chapter of Luke, as Jesus juxtaposes another teaching with teachings about the Kingdom of God. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as you can; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

Thanksgiving Holiday

There will be no Wednesday Eucharist on November 27, and the Office will be closed Thursday and Friday (November 28 and 29).

Loaves & Fishes Hiatus

Loaves & Fishes is taking November and December off, as the last Wednesdays in those months are Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Day. We will resume our regular schedule on January 29.

Christmas

Our Christmas service will be at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 24. During the service, Will Zimmer will lead an anthem during the offertory, and he invites any children who will be present to join him. If you have children or grandchildren who would like to sing, please let him know (wilzim61@yahoo.com) by December 18.

Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for November through December: Jiffy Cornbread Mix. For November: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), and hygiene items. Grace has been experiencing a large increase in clients needing food, household, and hygiene items. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Jay Dickens

Chalicers: Hank Long, Dawn Stone Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Bob Weatherall, Kyle Trent Camera Operator: Andy Williams Counters: Natalie Coleman, Ben Beeler

Altar Guild: Team #1 – Beth Sibbick, Stuart Webster, LaRue Powers,

Jane Thomasson, Beth Cahill, Dan Cahill, Bill Sibbick

Nursery Attendant: Emily Williams

2024 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens, Senior Warden; Beverly Lyle, Treasurer; Andy Williams, Junior Warden

Year 2: Betty Budde; Natalie Coleman, Secretary; Pat Russell; Will Zimmer Year 1: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall