



# THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:30 A.M. AND 9:30 A.M.

**Gathering Music** (*The gathering music at 9:30 a.m. will be sung by the soloist; the congregation is invited to listen.*)

**Welcome and Announcements**

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Acclamation**

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

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**

**Song of Praise** (*9:30 a.m. only. Sung by the soloist; the congregation is invited to listen*)

**The Collect of the Day**

**The Lessons**

**A reading from Ezekiel (34:11–16, 20–24)**

*Commentary:*

*The last major section of Ezekiel, chapters 33-48, focuses on the future restoration of Israel's blessing, due to the faithfulness of Israel's glorious God. Although Israel would be judged for her sins, the nation will not remain under judgment forever. God set the Israelites apart as His special people and He will fulfill His promises to them. The Lord promised to search for His people, care for them and bring them back to their own land. The Lord also promised to set over His sheep one shepherd, His servant David. David was the model shepherd of sheep and the model king of Israel, preparing the way for his greater descendant and Israel's true King, Jesus Christ.*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: *Come, let us sing to the Lord.*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

ANTIPHON

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

ANTIPHON

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the  
sheep of his hand.

ANTIPHON

### **A reading from 1 Ephesians (1:15–23)**

*Commentary:*

*In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul's emphasis is on the church as Christ's body, where Jewish and Gentile believers are united by love for God and for each other. Paul writes that intellectual understanding matters, but it is also important to use what we know to come into a deeper relationship with God. By making us His inheritance, God has shown His love. By promising us a wonderful future, God has nurtured our hope. By raising Jesus from the dead and seating Him in heaven, where He presently reigns over the church, God demonstrated His all-surpassing power. In the future, God's power will be manifested when Jesus Christ is recognized as the Head over all creation.*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:31–46)**

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I

tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

## The Homily

The Reverend Pierce Klemmt

## The Nicene Creed

*Officiant and People together*

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.

## Prayers of the People

*The response to each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

## Confession of Sin and Absolution

*Officiant and People*

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.

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Solo:** *(9:30 a.m. only. Sung by the soloist; the congregation is invited to listen)*

### Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### Sanctus *(Celebrant and People)*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

### The Lord's Prayer

### The Fraction

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### The Communion of the People.

**Communion Music** *(9:30 a.m. only. Sung by the soloist; the congregation is invited to listen)*

### Post-Communion Prayer *(Celebrant and People)*

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.

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.

### Blessing

### Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard*

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
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