

# Sunday, November 24, 2024

## Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ The King



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### THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

#### PRELUDE

**THE OPENING HYMN** *HYMNAL 388*  
*"O Worship the King"*

#### THE WORD OF GOD

**THE SALUTATION** *BCP 355*  
*Please stand, as you are able.*

**THE GLORIA** *HYMNAL S-278*

#### THE COLLECT FOR CHRIST THE KING

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

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Samuel 23:1-7** *(please be seated.)*  
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.

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

#### THE RESPONSE: Psalm 132:1-13

*The congregation offers the even-numbered  
verses.*

- 1 Lord, remember David,  
and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 *How he swore an oath to the Lord  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of  
Jacob:***
- 3 "I will not come under the roof of my house,"  
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 *I will not allow my eyes to sleep,  
nor let my eyelids slumber;***
- 5 Until I find a place for the Lord,  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 *"The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah;  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.***
- 7 Let us go to God's dwelling place;

let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

**8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, you and the ark of your strength.**

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing with joy.

**10 For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your Anointed.**

11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David; in truth, he will not break it:

**12 "A son, the fruit of your body will I set upon your throne.**

13 If your children keep my covenant and testimonies that I shall teach them, their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

#### **THE EPISTLE: Revelation 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.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**THE GOSPEL HYMN**      **HYMNAL 481**  
"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

*Stanzas 1,2 before; stanzas 3,4 afterward*

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

#### **THE GOSPEL: John 18:33-37**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

#### **THE SERMON**

The Very Rev. Stephen Brehe

#### **THE NICENE CREED**

**BCP 358**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

As the shepherd who cares for the flock, O God, you guide all things through Jesus, whom you have exalted over all creation as king. Hear the prayers we offer in his name for the creation he cherished and that you entrust to us.

For the Church: that we may recognize Christ in one another and honor the dignity of each person.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all ordained and lay leaders: that they may be shepherds like Jesus who gather the lost, bind up the injured, and encourage the weak.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For faith in times of chaos and confusion: we may be confident that Christ will overcome evil.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the suffering, forgotten, and marginalized: that God will shepherd them, heal their wounds, and lead them to fuller lives.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For leaders of government and judges, especially those newly elected: that they may recognize that their authority comes from God and that it is intended for the service of the entire human community.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For world leaders: that their hearts may comprehend the depth of human suffering that exists and urgently strive to address the needs for food, clean water, safety, and healthcare for the human family.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For a new appreciation of creation: that we may have gratitude for the beauties of creation and strive to preserve God's handiwork for the good of all the human family.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are away from home and loved ones, particularly members of the military and relief workers: that God will preserve them from harm, give them strength for their service, and lead them home safely.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died: that they may be welcomed into eternal life and share in the joy of God's presence forever.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Peace: that God will guide negotiations in ending violence and warfare, protect children and the elderly from harm, and deepen the respect for all human life.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Look upon your people who rejoice in your justice and mercy, and grant that our prayers may reveal Christ's reign in our time. **Amen.**

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN** **BCP 360**  
*Please kneel or sit reverently, as you are able.*

**THE PEACE** **BCP 360**  
*Please stand, as you are able.*

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*Please be seated.*

**PRAYER FOR A NEW DEAN**

***Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Peter's Cathedral. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next Dean for our church. Enlighten with your grace the Search Committee. We ask for discernment, wisdom, and guidance. We pray for whom you guide to our parish, that they hear your calling and join our congregation swiftly, with joy in their hearts. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may joyfully continue to be strengthened in our mission to "Love God and Our Neighbor and Make Disciples for Christ." Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

**PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS** **BCP 830**

***Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN** **HYMNAL 645**  
*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**  
**Eucharistic Prayer A** **BCP 361**

**THE SANCTUS** **HYMNAL S-128**

**THE CONSECRATION** **BCP 362**  
*Please kneel or stand, as you are able.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** **BCP 364**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**      **BCP 364**

**THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL  
COMMUNION** *(for those attending remotely)*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**      **BCP 365**

**THE BLESSING**      **BCP 366**

**THE CLOSING HYMN**      **HYMNAL 494**  
*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

**THE DISMISSAL**      **BCP 366**  
*Please stand, as you are able.*

**POSTLUDE**



**The Church:** for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Marty, our Bishop; for the Togendowagan Society, Ray, their Leader; Darcy and Dan, their Elders; and for St. Andrew's, Phillipsburg, Jim Jones and Mary Alice

Jones, their Deacons; and The Rev. Theresa Kelley, their Rector.

**The Government:** for Joe, our President; for Greg our Governor; for Congress, especially Greg, Tim, Matt, Steve, Ryan and for Kelly, Vickie, Wilmot, our area mayors.

**The Community:** for the staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries of God's Love, Good Samaritan Ministries, Family Promise, and the Personal Care Pantry.

**Comfort, Healing & Hope:** for Debbie, Kari, Jennie, Dick, Billie, Ben and Family, Marge, Dale, Ray, Taylor, Bob D., Terry, Scott, Jordan, Kevin, Robin, Janet, Ray, Joyce, Lynn, Charlotte, and Peggy

**Those Serving in our Armed Forces:** for Erica, David, and Shane

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## **THOSE CELEBRATING THE WEEK** **Beginning November 24<sup>th</sup> thru November 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **Birthdays**

November 27 Scott (Mick) Blossom

### **Anniversary**

November 24 Stan and Anne Wilmoth