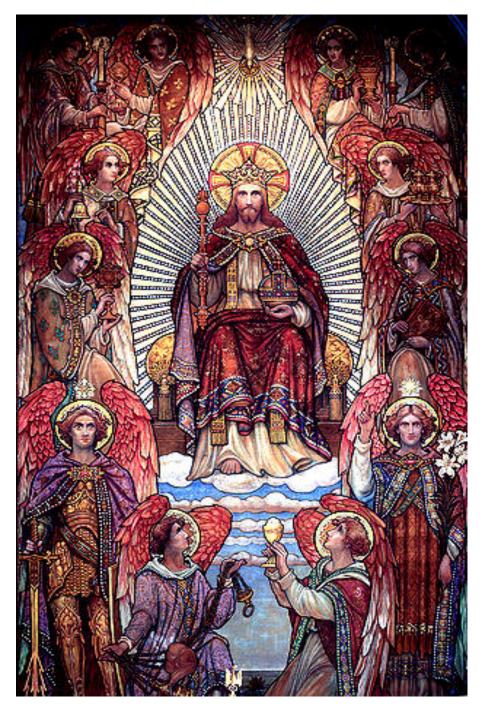
GRACE EPISCOPAL Church



The Last Sunday after Pentecost

~ Christ the King

Proper 29C November 20, 2022 Service Program for the 10:30 a.m. Solemn High Mass Bulletin Insert from the Episcopal Church *Communion & Camaraderie Grace Notes This Week at Grace*

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ELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate *THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST* ~ *CHRIST THE KING.* We hope you feel at home with us and that you find the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.

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Solemn High Mass, 10:30 a.m.

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Proper 29C

Mass Setting: Missa Sine Nomine Lodovico Viadana (d. 1627) This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass will be sung by the choir.

Voluntary: Versets from the "Te Deum"

Anon., from d'Attaignant collection, Paris, 1531

Entrance Rite and The Liturgy of the Word

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Introit (choir) Dignus es Agnus

Mode III

[Antiphon] Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and glory and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. To him be glory and dominion unto the ages of ages. [Psalm] Give the King thy justice, O God, and thy righteousness unto the King's Son. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. *[Repeat antiphon.]*

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

LMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no Asecrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy I mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie eleison *(choir)*

KIE eleison. Christ eleison. Kyrie eleison. [Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy]



L. Viadana



Gloria in excelsis (choir)

L. Viadana

GLORIA in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, Gbenedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu ≇ in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

[Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high # in the glory of God the Father. Amen.]

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

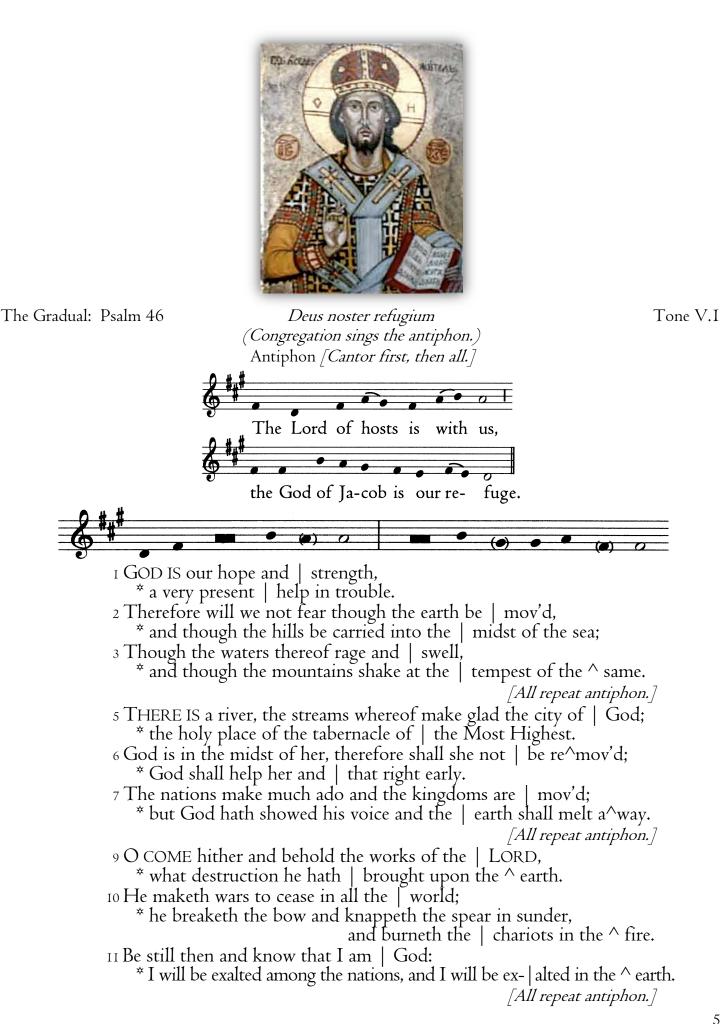
ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee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

The Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 23: I-6 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

WOE to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness." *People's Response:* Thanks be to God.

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The Epistle: Colossians I: II-20 /NRSV/

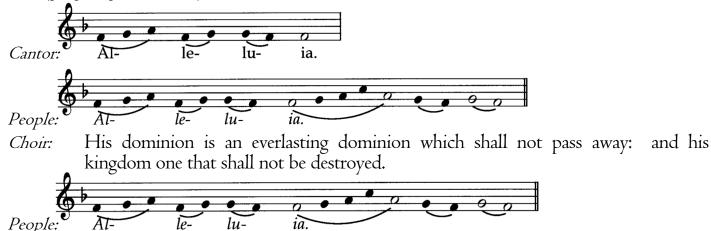
A Reading from the Letter of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Colossians.

AY you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, **V** and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord. *People's Response:* Thanks be to God.

Tone VI

Alleluia (people's part in italics) Potestas eius



The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 23: 33-43 [RSV]

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *Celebrant: People's response:* • Glory be to thee, O Lord.

ND when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, A and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingly power." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord. People's Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

People:

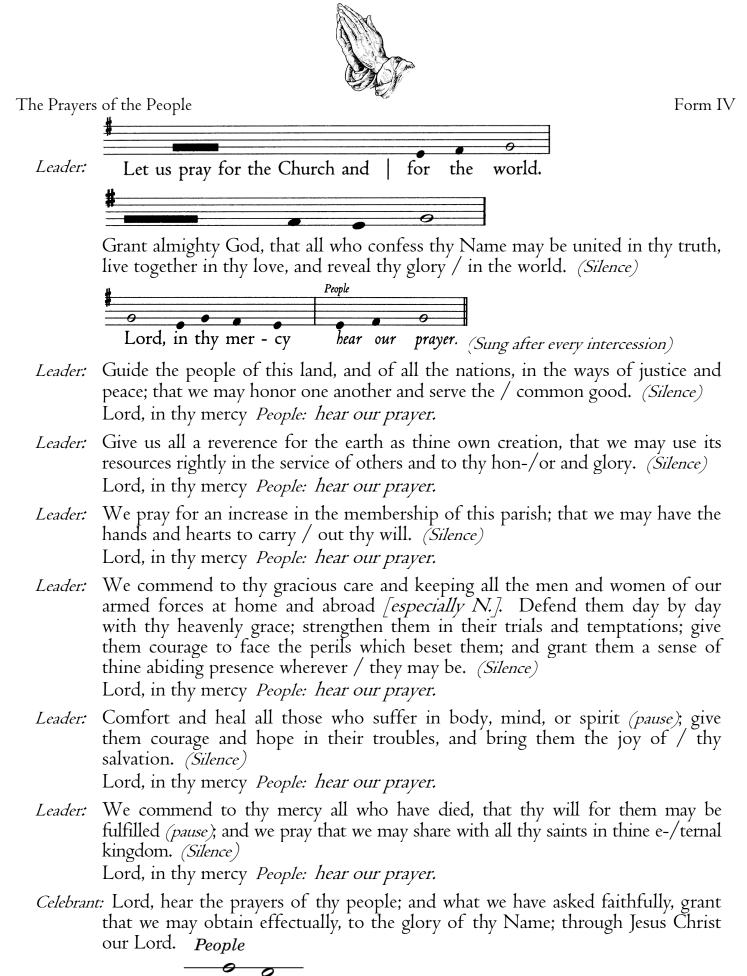
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The Nicene Creed

I be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther Al- might-y, Ma-ker of hea- ven and earth; 0 si-ble and in-vi-siand of all things vible; and in one Lord Je-sus Christ, 0 God, beon-ly- be-got-ten Son of got-ten of his Fa-ther be-fore all worlds, the God of God, Light of Light, God, be- got- ten, not made, ve-ry God of ve-ry ••• 0 one sub- stance with the Fa- ther; by whom all things were made be- ing of men and for who for sal- vation came down from hea- ven, our us kneel) and was in- car-nate by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Virgin Ma-ry, and was made man;

(stand) and cru- ci- fi- ed al- so Pon-tius for der Pi- late; was us unθ and the third day he rose ahe suf- fer- ed and was bu- ried; gain **?**• cor-ding to the Scrip-tures, and as-cend-ed in-to hea-ven, and sit- teth on the ac-• • right hand of the Fa- ther; and he shall come a- gain, with glo-ry, judge both to whose king-dom shall have no end. the quick and the dead; And I be-lieve in the 0 • 0 • • • • • • • $\overline{\mathbf{n}}$ Holy Ghost the Lord, and Gi-ver of Life, who pro-ceed eth from the Fa-ther and the Son; who with the Fa-ther and the Son to-ge-ther wor-shipp'd and glo-rifi- ed; is spake by the Pro-phets. And I be-lieve one ho-ly Cath-o-lic and A- po- stowho 0 0 0 Church; I ac-know-ledge one Bap-tism for the re-mis-sion of sins: and I look for lic 20 - σ the re- sur-rec-tion of the dead, ^{*} and the life of the world to come. Amen. H CÝNOLO ËN ÀF. MATÉPON I. NATÉPA NAVOKP NH TH CKETTFOCKINHOCHATE IN JON : #@3coco"amoinon ekoes anoins, remoe 4.0MSCION & ITELAL X T HATAGEN қайты іметерлефтріакЛелоблақ Тувал Элаектмулбесатуқ Фіасты пароблуқ була ITA TO ÝNĚ MO ČHÌ HONTÍS HIA



A-men.

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Confession of Sin and Absolution

- *Deacon:* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.
- *People:* Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- *Celebrant:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ♥ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

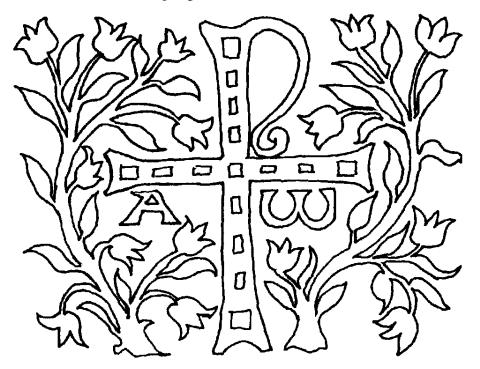
Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew II: 28* God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3: 16*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.





The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50: 14*

Offertory (choir) Postula a me

Mode IV

DESIRE of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.



Presentation of the alms and oblations

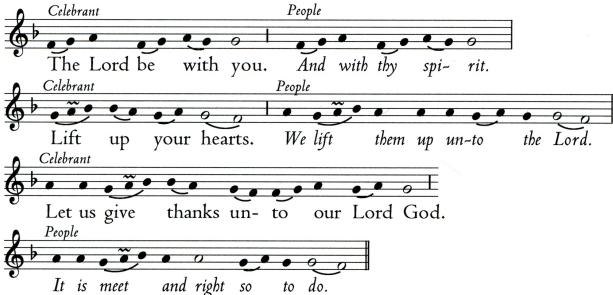
Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

- *Celebrant:* Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.
- *People:* May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

BECAUSE in Jesus Christ our Lord thou hast received us as thy sons and daughters, made us citizens of thy kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



Sanctus and Benedictus (choir)

L. Viadana

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth: Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
 SHosanna in excelsis.

 ■ Benedictus que venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.
 [Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
 ■ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.]

The Consecration

Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender Mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." \blacksquare

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." \blacksquare

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, \blacksquare be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

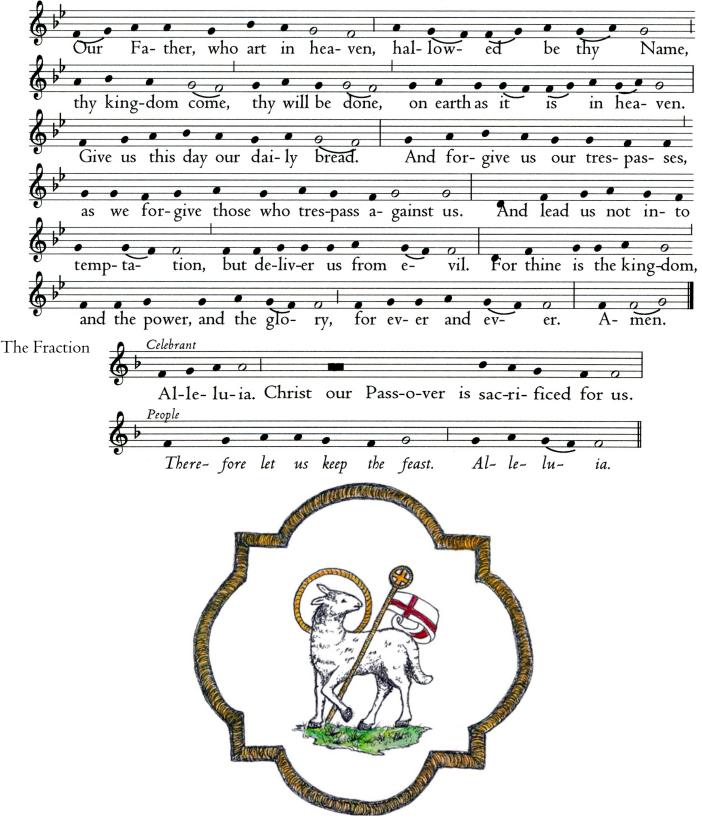
 \mathbf{B}^{Y} whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be Bunto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People

A- men.

The Lord's Prayer (sung by all)

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



Agnus Dei (choir)

L. Viadana

AGNUS DEI, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

[O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.]

Prayer of Humble Access (said by all)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

- *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.
- *People:* Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (choir) Sedebit Dominus

Mode VI

THE LORD remaineth a King for evermore: the Lord shall give the blessing of peace to his people.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (said by those worshipping virtually)

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Motet (choir)

Alexei Lvov (d. 1870)

TO thy heav'nly banquet, O Son of God, admit me this day. O may I never betray thee, nor like Judas greet thee with a kiss, But with the thief let me cry: Lord, remember me in thy kingdom. Alliluiya. Eastern Orthodox Liturgy (trans. J. P. Morton)



Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, \blacksquare the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

The People respond: Thanks be to God.



The Last Gospel: St. John I: I-I4

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (*Here genuflect*) And the Word was made flesh, (*Here rise*) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begoten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: Thanks be to God.

Salve Regina *(choir)*

SALVE Regina, mater misericordia: Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te Sclamamus, exsules filii Hevae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

[Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.]



The Angelus

Celebrant: The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

People: And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

- *Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
- *People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
- *Celebrant:* Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

People: Be it unto me according to thy word.

- *Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
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(Here genuflect) Celebrant: And the Word was made flesh.

(Here rise) People: And dwelt among us.

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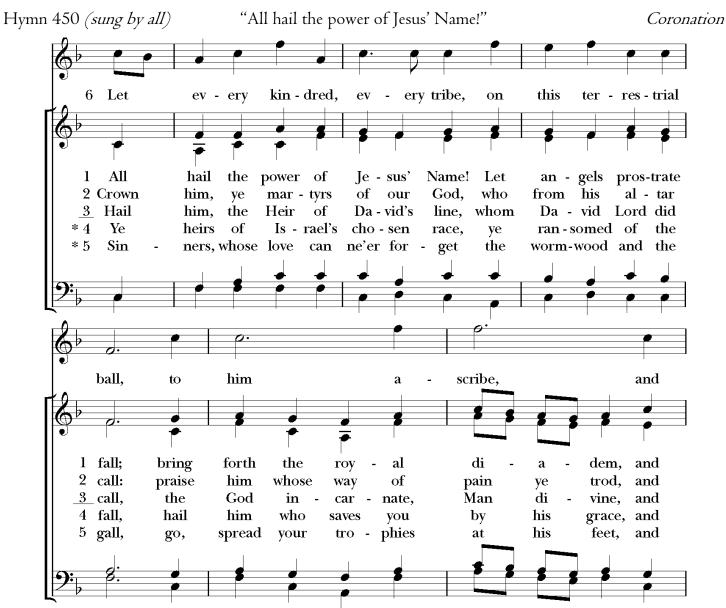
Celebrant: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

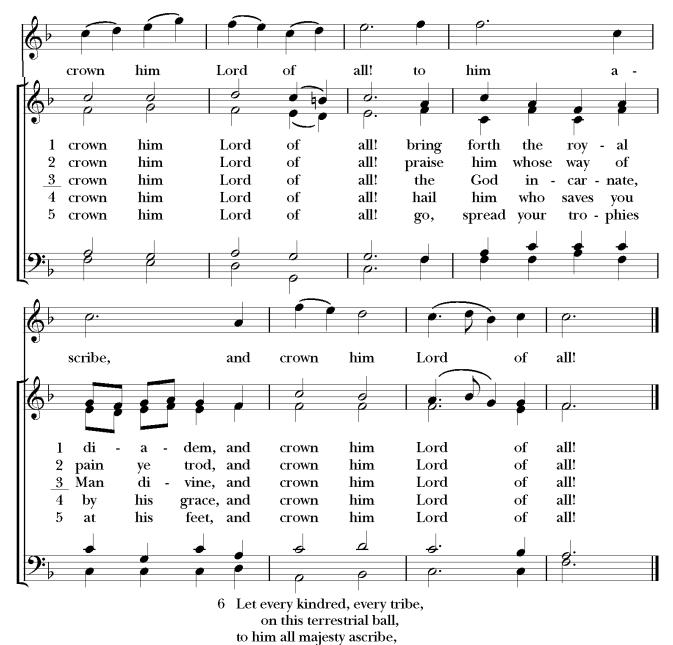
People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen*.



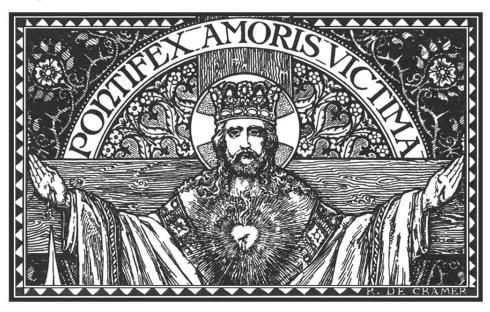




and crown him Lord of all!

Voluntary: Crown Imperial

William Walton (d. 1983)





BULLETIN INSERTS

November 20, 2022 – Christ the King (C) Christ the King Sunday

Today, many parishes within The Episcopal Church celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast day falls on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Sunday before the beginning of Advent. The feast is a relative newcomer to the liturgical calendar; it was first instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, when he wrote the encyclical *Quas Primas*. Here, he lays out the different understandings of kingship that Jesus Christ possesses.

Pius XI also explains how Christians ought to live as a result of Christ's kingship: "He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God." By the 1970s, the Feast of Christ the King had been more or less institutionalized throughout many Christian denominations and was fixed as occurring the last Sunday before Advent.

The lessons for this day support the understanding of Christ as sovereign. Jeremiah writes, "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land." The Song of Zechariah bridges the seasons beautifully as we hear the prophecy foretelling the ministry of St. John the Baptist, from whom we'll hear more very shortly. The Letter to the Colossians explains, "[The Father] has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." It is only in the Gospel reading that we see the most difficult aspect of Jesus' kingship: "The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'" We remember that Jesus' kingship is not distant and remote in some capital city thousands of miles away. His kingship is not detached nor aloof. No, he reigns for now in the very hearts of the faithful, freeing us and bringing us together under his most gracious rule.

Collect for the Feast of Christ the King

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 (BCP 236).



COMMUNION AND CAMARADERIE BREAKFAST CLUB ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS



Come join us:

Rejoice in the Lord with a low mass in the chapel of GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH Then, fellowship over a wonderful breakfast at EFFIE'S RESTAURANT on Park Road Wednesday mornings, beginning at 9:00 A.M. It's a wonderful way to break up a hectic week To slow down and breathe to appreciate all God's gifts to celebrate our community and just enjoy being alive

Please join us!

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THE REV. ROWENA KEMP welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss. Please contact her immediately should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that he should know about. For such emergencies, please note Rev. Rowena's cell phone number: 203-209-4178.

PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

<mark>A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks.</mark> <u>Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).</u>

- *Bishops and Clergy:* Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; Rowena, Jerry, Molly, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Aldon, our Post Seminary Resident.
- *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will; for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; St. Paul's, Woodbury; St. John the Evangelist, Yalesville; Grace Church, Yantic; the health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church; and the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church.
- Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church): Brian, Lars, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, Charles, Warren, and Mike.
- *Thanksgiving and Celebrations:* We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Cassandra Bouchard (Thu.), whose birthday we celebrate this week.
- *Sick or in need:* James; Jerry; Ken; Tom & Elaine; Bonnie & the Burns Family; Richard; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Stephen & Ratana; Ellen; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig, & Deidre; Dick, Leanne, Aldon, Kim & Fiona; Carmen & Félix; Mary; Nazra; Monica; Antoinette; Linda & the Galarza Family; Josephine, Melissa & Jaden; Maria; Judy; Doug; Raul & Nélida; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; Dave; Robert; Jerome; Lynn; McJohn; Doreen; Karen; Terra; Betty & John; Cheryl; Mary & Lou; Diane; Nelda Sue & Larry; Frank; Hugh; Jean; Lesley; for peace throughout the world, especially between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters, including those affected by the pandemic.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of Tania Ritter, Taras Chayka, Shirley Grayson, all soldiers & civilians killed in war or civil strife, all those who have died from Covid-19, and in memory of Helen Newman, Eleanor Kimball Morse, Jody Fraser, David Lester Shafer, and Alexander Klemonski.

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