

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*The Last Sunday after Pentecost ~*

*Christ the King*

November 26, 2023

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**W**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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## *The Last Sunday after Pentecost ~ Christ the King*

November 26, 2023

Solemn High Mass, 10:30 a.m.

Proper 29A

Mass Setting: *Christ Mass*

Edward Ivor Wagner, 1989

*This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is for congregational singing.*

Voluntary: Fugue in C major

Dieterich Buxtehude (d. 1707)



### Entrance Rite and The Liturgy of the Word

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.

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

Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets 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.*

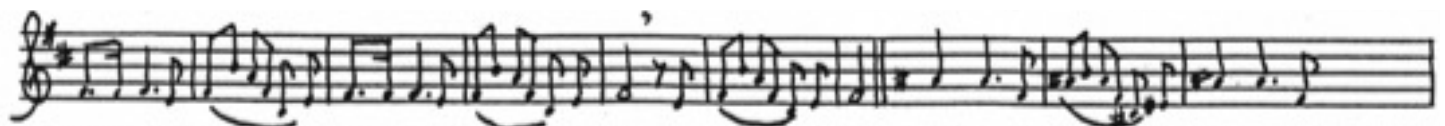
Summary of the Law

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 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 (*congregation sings text printed in script*)

E. Wagner



(Ky-ri-e e-le- - -i-)Ky-ri-e e-le- - -i- son, e-le- - -i-son. (Chris-te e-le- - -i)Chris-te e-



le- - -i-son, e-le- - -i-son. (Ky-ri-e e-le- -i- -)Ky-ri-e e-le- - -i-son, e-le- - -i-son.





Gloria in excelsis (*congregation sings text printed in script*)

E. Wagner

(Glo-ry be to God on high,) and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa- - -ther Al-might-y.

(O Lord, the on-ly-be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ:) O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, (that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. Thou that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer. (Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.) For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on- ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of God - - - the Fa-ther. A - - - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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.*





Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 [NRSV]

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

**T**HUS 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.

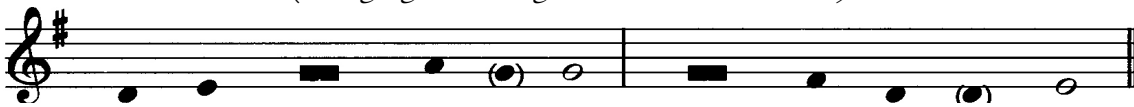
*People's Response:* Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Psalm 95

*Venite, exultemus*

Tone II

*(Congregation sings the italicized verses.)*



- 1 O COME, let us sing unto the | LORD;  
*\* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our | salvation.*
- 2 *Let us come before his presence with thanks-|giving,*  
*\* and show ourselves glad in | him with psalms.*
- 3 For the LORD is a great | God,  
*\* and a great King a-|bove all gods.*
- 4 *In his hand are all the corners of the | earth,*  
*\* and the strength of the hills is | his also.*
- 5 The sea is his, and he | made it,  
*\* and his hands preparèd | the dry land.*
- 6 *O come let us worship and fall | down,*  
*\* and kneel before the LORD | our Maker.*
- 7 For he is the Lord our | God;  
*\* and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep | of his hand.*



The Epistle: Ephesians I: 15-23 [NRSV]

A reading from the Epistle of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.

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.

*People's Response:* Thanks be to God.



Alleluia *Potestas eius*

Tone VI



*Choir:* His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away: and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.







The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 25: 31-46 [RSV]

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People's response:* ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[JESUS said,] "WHEN the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of 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 drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, 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 no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People's Response:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Ms. Gregory Simmons







The Nicene Creed (*sung by all*)

I be- lieve in one God, the Fa- ther Al- mighty, Ma- ker of hea- ven and earth;  
 and of all things vi- si- ble and in- vi- si- ble; and in one Lord Je- sus Christ,  
 the on- ly- be- got- ten Son of God, be- got- ten of his Fa- ther be- fore all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light, ve- ry God of ve- ry God, be- got- ten, not made,  
 be- ing of one sub- stance with the Fa- ther; by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our sal- va- tion came down from hea- ven,  
*(kneel)* and was in- car- nate by the Ho- ly Ghost of the Virgin Ma- ry, and was made man;  
*(stand)* and was cru- ci- fi- ed al- so for us un- der Pon- tius Pi- late;

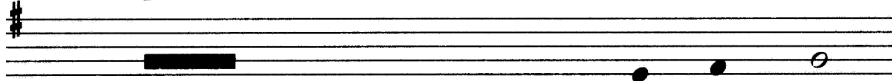
he suf-fer-ed and was bu-ri-ed; and the third day he rose a- gain  
 ac- cor-ding to the Scrip-tures, and as-cend-ed in-to hea-ven, and sit-teth on the  
 right hand of the Fa-ther; and he shall come a- gain, with glo-ry, to judge both  
 the quick and the dead; whose king-dom shall have no end. And I be-lieve in the  
 Ho-ly 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 is wor-shipp'd and glo-ri- fi-ed;  
 who spake by the Pro-phets. And I be-lieve one ho-ly Cath-o-lic and A-po-sto-  
 lic Church; I ac-know-ledge one Bap-tism for the re-mis-sion of sins: and I look for  
 the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead,\* and the life of the world to come. A - - - men.



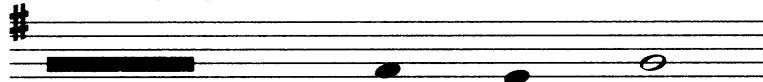


The Prayers of the People

Form IV



Leader: Let us pray for the Church and | for the world.



Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. (Silence)



Lord, in thy mer - cy hear our prayer. (Sung after every intercession)

Leader: 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. (Silence)  
Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. (Silence)  
Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

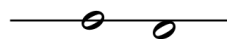
Leader: We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (Silence)  
Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad [especially N.]. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. (Silence)  
Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (pause); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. (Silence)  
Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled (pause); and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. (Silence)  
Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. People



A-men.



## 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 11: 28*

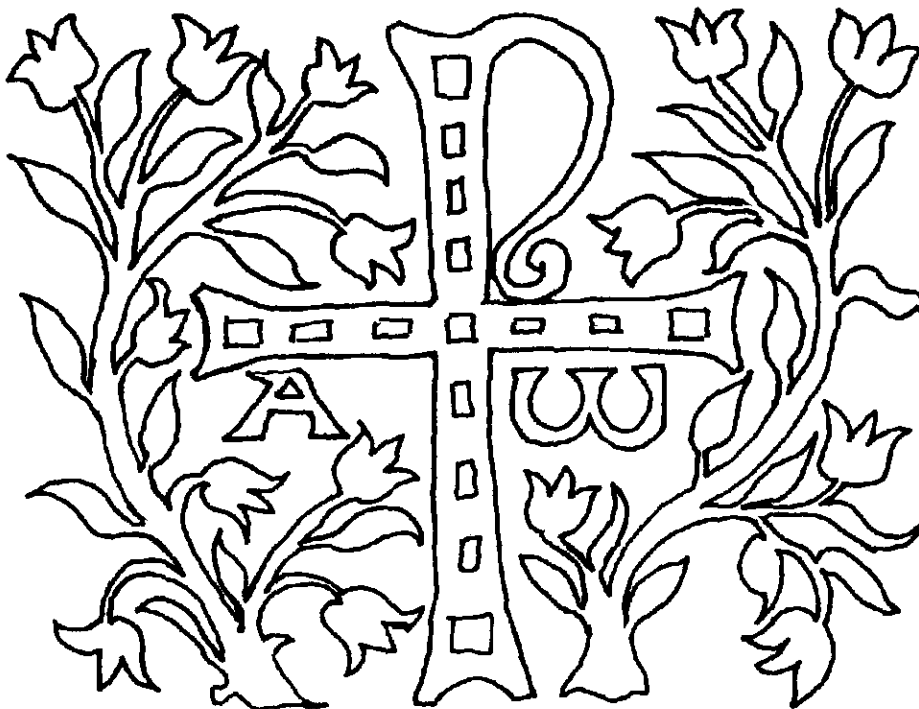
God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3: 16*

## 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. *Psalms 50: 14*

Offertory (*choir*) *Postula a me*

Mode IV

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

Hymn 450 (*sung by all*)

"All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"

*Coronation*

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
 \* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the  
 \* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
 on this terrestrial ball,  
 to him all majesty ascribe,  
 and crown him Lord of all!





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

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi- rit.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks un- to our Lord God.

*People*  
It is meet and right so to do.

*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.

**B**ECAUSE 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 (*congregation sings text printed in script*)

E. Wagner

(Ho- - - -ly, ho- - - -ly,) ho- - - -ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heav-en and earth are full of thy glo-ry.

(first tempo)  
Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. (Bles-sed is he that com-eth in the name- - -of the Lord.) Ho-san- - -na

in the high-est, ho-san- - -na in the high-est, ho-san- - -na in the high-est, (ho-san- na in the high-est).

The Canon of the Mass

*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." ✠

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." ✠

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, ✠ 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;

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People*

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A- men.

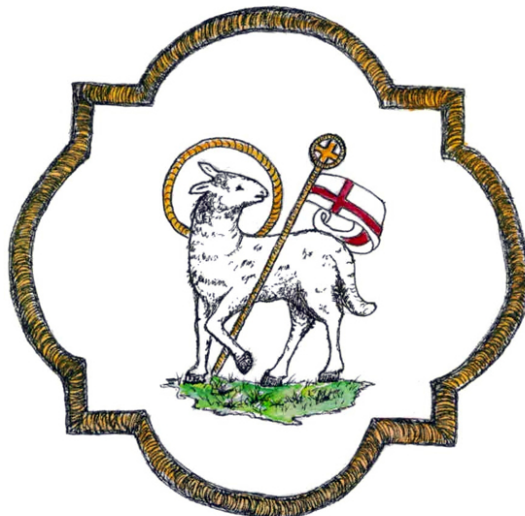
The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

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

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,  
 thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven.  
 Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,  
 as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us. And lead us not in-to  
 temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,  
 and the power, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

The Fraction

*Celebrant*  
 Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us.  
*People*  
 There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.



Agnus Dei (*congregation sings text printed in script*)

E. Wagner

(O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world,) have mer-cy up-on us. (O Lamb of God, that tak-  
 est a-way the sins of the world,) grant us thy peace.



Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**W**E 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 shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (*choir*) *Amen dico vobis*

Mode IV

**A**MEN, I say unto you: inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these, ye have done it to me: come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

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)

**T**O 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.

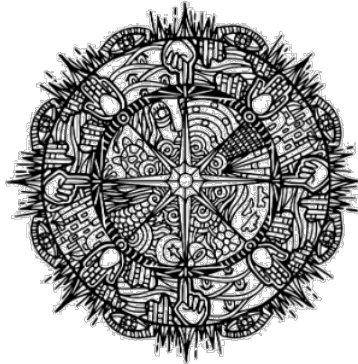
*People:* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very 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 and Dismissal

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, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*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-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

SALVE REGINA, mater misericordia: Vita, dulcendo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te Sciamus, 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.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*(Here genuflect) Celebrant:* And the Word was made flesh.

*(Here rise) People:* And dwelt among us.

*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.

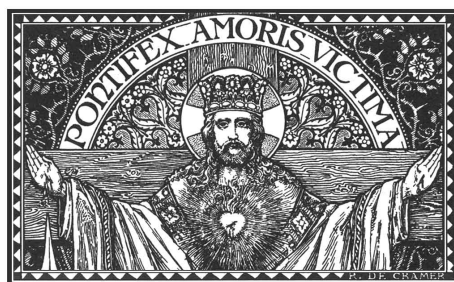
*Celebrant:* Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

*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.*





Hymn 555 (*sung by all*)

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Lancashire

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;  
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears.

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,  
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heaven - ly king - dom comes.  
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Voluntary: Crown Imperial

William Walton (d. 1983)



## BULLETIN INSERTS

### November 26, 2023 – Christ the King (A) 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).

# GRACE NOTES

November 26 *The Last Sunday after Pentecost ~ CHRIST THE KING*

## FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

**THE REV. ROWENA KEMP** welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss, and please contact her immediately, should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that she 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

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

- *Bishops and Clergy:* Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; and Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests.
- *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; Grace Church, Yantic; annual parish meetings, and committees, staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds.
- *World & Community Concerns:* For peace throughout the world, especially between Israel and Gaza and in the Middle East; in Sudan; and between Russia and Ukraine; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; for those who are suffering because of extreme climate; for the hungry and poor in our midst; and the volunteers who serve *A Place of Grace* food pantry.
- *Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):* Brian, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, and Charles.
- *Thanksgiving and Celebrations:* We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Ruth Iliuta (Wed.), whose birthday we celebrate this week; and Mark & Marijane Lacedonia, celebrating their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sunday.
- *Sick or in need:* David; Bob & Pamela; Rowena & Kane; The Volkle & Shoen Families; Adrienne & Ken; Tom & Elaine; Josephine, Melissa & Jaden; Sally; Jerry; Bonnie & the Burns Family; Richard; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Ellen; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Dick, Leanne, Aldon, Kim & Fiona; Carmen & Félix; Mary; Monica; Antoinette; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Linda & the Galarza Family; Maureen & the Blake Family; Chazmin; Miguelina & Family, Anthony & Gail, Cori and the Mackey Family; Brad; Debbie; Leslie, Melissa; Joe; Margaret; Judy; Peter; Doug; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; Lynn; McJohn; Doreen; Karen; Terra; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Nazra; Diane; Nina; Ellen and Jim; Lauren, Alexandra & Anna; Mark & Diane; Jean; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of Rosalynn Carter, John Donnelly, Priest, Richard Beattie, Priest, Arthur Leeth, Jonathan Volkle, Melinda Schoen, all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Margaret Morse, Standish McIntosh, +Priest, Bradford Hastings, Bishop, Barbara Merkent, Marvin Cohn, and Diane Rowena Kemp, in whose memory the flowers are given (*by Rev. Rowena*).

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, November 26 *The Last Sunday after Pentecost ~ CHRIST THE KING*

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (*also on Facebook Live*)

Tuesday, November 28 *Kamehameha and Emma of Hawaii*

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

Wednesday, November 29 *Feria*

9:15 a.m.: Low Mass (*also on Facebook Live*), followed by breakfast at Effie's

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

7:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 30 *SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE*

10:00 a.m.: "A Place of Grace" food pantry distribution

6:30 p.m.: Vestry Meeting on Zoom

Friday, December 1 *Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637*

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Office Hours

Sunday, December 3 *The First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Sung Mass (*also on Facebook Live*)



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