The Feast of Christ the King, 2020

at Historic
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The LAST SUNDAY after PENTECOST
The Feast of Christ the King
November 22, 2020

10:00 A.M. – THE HOLY EUCHARIST [Rite Two] and SERMON

The Liturgy of the Word of God

Organ Voluntary - Please use the time before the service for prayer and quiet reflection.
Please SILENCE all Cell Phones and Pagers when entering the Church.

PROCessional HYMN 495, “Hail, thou once despised Jesus!” In Babilone
[ Hymns are printed on the final pages of this Service Booklet. ]

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – “Glory to God” – Hymnal *S-280 Setting: Robert Powell

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day (Proper 29-A) – Said by the Celebrant alone

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 Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter: Psalm 95:1-7a - Said by ALL – SEATED

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; * 
   let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * 
   and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God, * 
   and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * 
   and the heights of the hills are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it, * 
   and his hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * 
   and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 382, “King of glory, King of peace”

General Seminary  
[ Hymns are printed on the final pages of this Service Booklet. ]

The Holy Gospel: Saint Matthew 25:31-46

The Congregation remains standing and faces the Deacon or Priest, who reads the Gospel.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint 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.”

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Reverend F. Allan Weatherholt, Jr., Rector

The Nicene Creed – All now stand and join the Celebrant in saying

- We believe in one God,
  the Father, the Almighty,
  maker of heaven and earth,
  of all that is, seen and unseen.

- We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
  the only Son of God,
  eternally begotten of the Father,
  God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Form IV

[ Please respond as indicated, after each petition. ]
Leader: Lord, in your mercy . . . People: Hear our prayer.

When the Prayers have been completed, the Celebrant adds this concluding Collect.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your Kingdom; and grant that we, your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our King and Savior. Amen.

The Peace – In the Name of our Lord, please VERBALLY greet those around you!
The Celebration of the Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Ye Servants of God”
   Words: Charles Wesley
   Music: William Croft

PRESENTATION HYMN: The Doxology
   Old Hundredth
   Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
   Praise him, all creatures here below;
   Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
   Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Form A

   All standing, the Celebrant begins

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS – “Holy, holy, holy Lord” – Hymnal S-125
   Setting: Richard Proulx

The Celebrant and People sing:

   Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
   heaven and earth are full of your glory.
   Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
   Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
   Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Celebrant and People sing:

Christ has died.  Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.  Christ will come again!

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Thomas, Saint Mark, Saint Andrew, Saint John, Saint Peter, Saint Paul, Saint Patrick and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

The Great “AMEN” – Sung by ALL (Sixfold)
**Celebrant:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**Clergy & People:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
    hallowed be thy Name,  
    thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
    on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
    for ever and ever.  Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

As the Celebrant prepares to administer Holy Communion, a Fraction Anthem is sung.

**FRACTION ANTHEM:** “Be known to us, Lord Jesus”

Setting: Gary James
The COMMUNION of the PEOPLE

Facing the People, the Celebrant says the Invitation to Holy Communion.

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.

On behalf of those viewing the service via Livestream, the Prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787) is said by ALL.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You, dear Lord Christ. Amen.

ALL Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion in The Episcopal Church! Because of COVID-19 precautions, we are currently receiving only the Bread. Please use the social distancing markings on the center aisle as you come forward. Remove your mask as you wait. Cup your hands to receive the Consecrated Bread. Remember that receiving Communion in one form IS considered Full Communion!

Baptism, the ancient service though which one joins Christ’s Church, may be arranged. We warmly invite you to contact the Clergy about scheduling your Baptism.

The Postcommunion Prayer – Said by ALL

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.
The Blessing by the Priest

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus, the Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father [★], the Son [★], and the Holy Spirit [★], be among you and remain with you this day and always. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 494, “Crown him with many crowns”  
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Silent Prayer – All are invited to kneel for a moment of silent prayer before the Dismissal.

The Dismissal

Deacon or Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Postlude

Be sure to make your 2021 Pledge to our Lord! God’s Work always needs your loving support.

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1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galillean King! Thou didst suffer to release us;
2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid; by almighty love appointed,
3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide; all the heavenly hosts adore thee,
4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive; highest praises, without ceasing,

thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou universal thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are seated at thy Father's side. There for sinners thou art right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic

 Savior, bearer of our sin and shame! By thy merit given through the virtue of thy blood: opened is the pleading; there thou dost our place prepare; ever for us spirits, all your noblest anthems raise; help to sing our

we find favor: life is given through thy Name.
gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.
in interceding, till in glory we appear.
Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1728-1790), alt.
Music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerentijtes en Contradanses, 1710

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SEQUENCE HYMN 382, "King of glory, King of peace"

1 King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
2 Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee;
3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

Tenor or soprano ad libitum

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may never cease, I will move thee.
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;

thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
e'en eternity's too short to exalt thee.
e'en eternity's too short to exalt thee.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)
Music: General Seminary, David Charles Walker (b. 1938)
Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above; crown

1 how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own; a-
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
2 every grief hath known that wrings the human breast, and
3 glories now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing their
5 him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
3 died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
4 songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.
5 him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)
Music: Diademata; George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)
St. Thomas’ Parish Prayer List: November 22 – 28, 2020


Military Service – Dakota Ritz, Andrew Shaw, Aaron Hull, Nicholas Robeson, Taylor Robeson, Susie Hoopengardner, Spencer Hose, Chris Krause, Vince Biggs, Cody Hovermale, Lucas Trunkle, Philip Corbett, Cameron Meadows, Matt Lacy, Jake Michael, Allen Foshee, Taylor Shafer, Josh Stotler, Justin Johnson.

ONGOING: All Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists and Other Medical Personnel, All Military, Law Enforcement and Fire & Rescue Personnel, Correctional Officers, All Teachers and Other Workers in our Schools, Colleges and Universities, Truck Drivers, Warehouse Workers, Grocery Store Personnel

We pray for healing for all suffering from the corona virus. We pray for development of a safe, effective vaccine against the virus.


Shut-ins – Pam Trumpower, Sally Fost, Don Reed, Ralph & Della Wachter, Frances Younker, Mary Ann Mortzelfdt, Beverly Hershberger, Ernie Truax, Pat McKinley, Catherine Durst, Barbara Smith, Janice Trail, Edna Younker, The Rev. Charles McGinley.

We pray for all those who have died from the corona virus, and we ask God’s help and comfort for their loved ones.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Charlene and Homer Schetrompf, Sr., Donna and Homer Schetrompf, Jr., David Schetrompf, Daniel Schetrompf, Ronald and Lee Frederick, Patty Schetrompf, Penny Schetrompf and Tammy Walls by Kathy McCarty and Family.
PARI SH NEWS for LAST PENTECOST/CHRIST the KING – November 22, 2020

INDOOR WORSHIP REMAINS ONLINE ONLY TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY by order of Canon Scott Slater, of the Bishop’s Office. This is in effect for the entire Diocese. This is because of the dramatic increase in the spread of COVID-19 all across the state, including here in Washington County. For us at St. Thomas’ this means we can offer only the 10:AM. service online. We are permitted to have up to 10 people present for this, including Clergy, Organist, singers and lectors. We deeply regret that our 7:30 A.M. service is cancelled for the time being. Please wear your mask, wash your hands frequently and practice social distancing so that we can get this virus under control. Vaccines are coming – an answer to prayer – but probably not until the New Year! Stay safe!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO FILLED A SHOEBOX for Operation Christmas Child! Ms. Tracy generously took time to pack extra boxes, bringing our total to 47 boxes for this year – a very good effort, especially during the pandemic. Pam Mann kindly transported them to the Collection Center, which this year was in Berkeley Springs. St. Thomas’ has been part of the shoebox project since 2001. Each box brightens Christmas for a needy child overseas. Thank you again for your great support of this important outreach ministry!

‘CHRISTMAS FOR OTHERS’ IS UNDERWAY and St. Thomas’ has been asked to purchase toys for some needy Hancock children. Fr. Allan still has a couple of boys who have not yet been looked after. If you will help with one of these, please see him or call his cell phone at 301-491-6888. Because of the pandemic, CFO will not be collecting food or coats this year. Instead, gift cards will be given to the families and individuals who register for holiday assistance. The ISC Food Bank will also help.

OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE, with traditional Hymns of the day, will be livestreamed at 10:AM. on Thanksgiving Day. We are permitted up to 10 people in the Church, so speak with Fr. Allan if you would like to attend in person. Or join us online! Because of the pandemic, there will NOT be a Community Thanksgiving Service this year. **10:AM. LITURGICAL MINISTERS THIS WEEK:**

Lector: Linda Mellott

Altar Guild This Month: Josephine Spade, Julie Unger