

A SERVICE OF

MORNING PRAYER

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*The Last Sunday After Pentecost*

***CHRIST THE KING***

*November 22, 2020*

*Please join in on italicized responses.*

## MORNING PRAYER

**Hymn: Hymnal #544**

**“Jesus shall reign”**

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;  
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his Name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

### **Opening Sentence:**

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

- Psalm 122:1

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

*Officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all of your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **Versicle and Response**

Lord, open our lips.

*And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Glory be to the father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen*

[Alleluia.] The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

*Come let us adore him. [Alleluia.]*

### **Invitatory Psalm**

*Jubilate*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;\*  
    serve the Lord with gladness  
    and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God;\*  
    he himself has made us, and we are his;  
    we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;\*  
    give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;\*  
    and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### **Antiphon**

[Alleluia.] The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: *Come let us adore him. [Alleluia.]*

### **Psalm 95:1-7a**

### **Venite, exultemus**

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

### **The First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

### **Canticle 10 The Second Song of Isaiah**

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## **The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23**

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

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

1 O worship the King, all-glorious above! O gratefully sing his power and his love!  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace! Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies, how tender! how firm to the end! Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

**The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. ***Amen.***

**THE PEACE**

**The Lord's Prayer**

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*  
Let us pray.

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,  
forever and ever. ***Amen.***

**Suffrages B**

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
*Govern and uphold them, now and always.*

Day by day we bless you;  
*We praise your name for ever.*  
Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
*Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.*  
Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
*For we put our trust in you.*  
In you, Lord, is our hope;  
*And we shall never hope in vain.*

### **Collect of the Day**

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.**

### **A Collect For Guidance**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **For Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **For Knowledge of God's Creation**

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **For Social Justice**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## For Trinity Parish

Most Glorious God, you have graciously blessed our parish with an abundance of your love. You have graced us with a community of faith; people who love You and each other. We pray to you now on behalf of our parish, that you will strengthen us in our ministries, increase our faith. Grow us in numbers, and bless us with the people and resources we need to continue to be your witnesses in our town and in the world. This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

## A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. ***Amen.***

## Prayers and Intercessions

Serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with a song. Let us pray together, saying, "We give you thanks, O Lord;  
***and call upon your Name.***"

Christ the King, you have been made head over all things for the Church: may we worthily live as your body in our world. Work your great power in and through us.

We pray for Rev. Ann our Priest in Charge, for our Bishop Michael and our Bishop Doug. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

*Silence*

We give you thanks, O Lord;  
***and call upon your Name.***

Christ the King, you gather all the nations of the world to yourself: bless the world's suffering with your everlasting mercy. May the oppressed be fed with your justice.

Pray for those ill with the corona virus and for those who seek to heal and those who work to provide essential services during this difficult time.

Pray for Peace and Social Justice among all people.

*Silence*

We give you thanks, O Lord;  
***and call upon your Name.***

Christ the King, it is from your hand that all are fed; inspire righteousness in all people that the hungry may be fed and the thirsty given clean water to drink.

*Silence*

We give you thanks, O Lord;  
***and call upon your Name.***

Christ the King, you care for those in prison: give us hearts for all those who are incarcerated. Where there is crime and violence in our city, offer your peace.

Pray for our president, Donald, our president-elect, Joe, our governor, Charlie, our Lieutenant Governor, Karyn, and our Town Manager, Kevin.

Pray for those who are having birthdays this week – Tom O'Hara, Stephen Rozak

All say -

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

Pray for those in our parish cycle of prayer: for the Buck, Calvano, and Caron families, and for our Parish Administrator, Sexton, and Organist.

Pray for St. John's, Williamstown; for the Chaplain to Williams College; for the spiritual life of our people; for the Vergers' Guild and for Integrity USA.

*Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence*

We give you thanks, O Lord;  
***and call upon your Name.***

Christ the King, you are good: we pray you seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak.

We pray for those who are ill and for those seeking God's healing grace: Patricia Martin, Sarah, Amelia, Kelly D., Margaret, Linda, Tony, Charlotte, Debbie, Tim, John, Patty, Jeff

Kalb, Tanya, Nancy Kelly, Joanne Cox, Bev, Beth, Scott, Eric, Craig McDonough, Randy Swallow, Anthony, Ken, Linda Allen, Becky, Catherine.

*Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence*

We give you thanks, O Lord;  
***and call upon your Name.***

Christ the King, your faithfulness endures from age to age: may all your saints, at work and at rest, know the hope to which you have called us and the riches of your glorious inheritance.

Pray for Glenn Tessmer.

*Silence*

We give you thanks, O Lord;  
***and call upon your Name.***

O lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

***Amen***

### **General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. ***Amen.***

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. ***Amen.***

## Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## Final Blessing

### Hymn: Hymnal # 494

*“Crown him with many crowns”*

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;  
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began,  
and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man;  
who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o’er all doth reign,  
who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,  
now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing  
their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

5. Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;  
crown him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,  
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or  
imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus  
forever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

**Announcements**

**Virtual Coffee Hour**

**Officiant: The Rev. Ann Scannell**

**Organist: Christopher Lundell**

**The altar flowers are given this morning by Johanna Tessmer  
in memory of Glenn Tessmer.**

**Thank you to all who participated in today's worship.**

Prayers of the People from *Praying the Scriptures, Litanies for Sunday Worship*  
By: Jeremiah D. Williams