



The Last Sunday after Pentecost, Christ the King

November 22, 2020

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## Holy Eucharist, Rite One

8:00am

*Masks, covering mouth and nose, must be worn at all times during this service.*

### The Word of God

#### Opening Acclamation and the Collect for Purity

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People* And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, Amen.

*Celebrant* 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.*

#### The Summary of the Law

##### Gloria to God in the Highest – *Gloria in Excelsis*

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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

#### The 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.*

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.*

**The Gradual:** Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo*

**BCP 729**

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \*  
serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 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.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**The Epistle** Ephesians 1.15-23

**Bible 1334**

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.*

**The Gospel** Matthew 25.31-46

**Bible 1174**

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*        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 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."

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        Praise be to thee, O Christ.

### **The Sermon**

#### **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

I believe in one God,  
    the Father Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
    the only-begotten Son of God,  
    begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
    God of God, Light of Light,  
    very God of very God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    being of one substance with the Father;  
    by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation  
    came down from heaven,  
    and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man;  
    and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered and was buried;  
    and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
    and ascended into heaven,  
    and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
    and he shall come again, with glory,  
        to judge both the quick and the dead;  
    whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
    who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People, Form II**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant stands and says*

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.*

### **The Peace**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

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

### **Sanctus**

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 Lord's Prayer**

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 Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Note on Communion: Please keep your mask on as you come forward to receive Communion. An usher will send worshipers forward by household. Remain at least six feet distant from those ahead of you. Receive the consecrated bread in your hands, stretched out as far as possible toward the priest, and hold it in your hands as you return to your seat by the side aisle. Once seated, briefly remove your mask, consume the consecrated bread, and replace your mask.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

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.*

### **Blessing & Dismissal**



Welcome to St. John's! It is a blessing to be together in the worship of God, either online or in our outdoor service. If you would like to speak with someone about our church, please contact Holly Godwin with the Newcomer Committee at [holly.harring@gmail.com](mailto:holly.harring@gmail.com). You can also contact the Rev. Nicholas Beasley at [nmb@stjohnscolumbia.org](mailto:nmb@stjohnscolumbia.org) or the Rev. Scott Fleischer at [srf@stjohnscolumbia.org](mailto:srf@stjohnscolumbia.org).

## Our Worship Today

*Today is "Christ the King Sunday".* Using the terms "lord" and "king" in our modern, democratic context can be confusing. Some reject such titles for Christ because they believe that they reflect oppressive systems of government and privilege. But Christ's kingdom is unlike that of the world's rulers. He radically redefined and transformed the concept of kingship. In contrast to the oppressive nature of secular kings, he connected his role as king to humble service, and commanded his disciples to follow his example of lowly service. In today's gospel lesson, his kingdom is tied to his suffering and death. When we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but one who rules by love, the love that took him to the Cross for the sake of the world.

St. John's Choral Scholar Jerryana Williams-Biblioni is the cantor for the 9:30 service this Sunday. She will sing "He shall feed his flock" from *The Messiah*. Patrick Rosenfeld is the cantor for the 10:30 service, and for the anthem he will sing Charles Gounod's arrangement of "The King of Love my shepherd is."

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our children, grand and great grandchildren and in memory of Betty Marshall and David S. Phillips by Bruce & Deedie Marshall.

*Those participating in today's worship:*

Lectors: Gordon Schell (8 am), Benton Williamson, Sam Fleischer (9:30 am), Jason Lockhart (10:30)

Ushers: Scott Ballew, Keith Axson (9:30), Ben & Rebecca Mustian, Smith Richardson, (10:30)

Greeters: Stacy Matsui, Mary Sherrer, Julian Horst

Altar Flowers: Angela Daniel

## Music Ministry

The Christmas Bell/Vocal ensemble will not meet this coming Wednesday, November 25th. We will rehearse again on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7 pm in the Barr Center gym.

## Family Ministries

EYC for 6th-12th graders is at 4 pm today! Note the time change. We'll play life-sized foosball, have Complaine, and enjoy fried chicken, green beans, and macaroni and cheese from Lizard's Thicket for dinner! Pick-up at 5:30.

Mark your calendars for Children's Ministries Wednesdays in Advent! Join us on the patio at 4:30 for progressive crafts December 2, 9, & 16. We'll make and decorate a Christmas tree as we await the birth of the Christ child.

Pick up supplies to make an Advent wreath on Sunday, November 29! St. John's will supply candles and a wreath form. Once home with your family, gather greenery and decorate your wreath in preparation for a season of waiting and hope. Supplies will be on a table on the patio after the 9:30 and 10:30 services.

## Advent Wednesday Evenings for Adults

7 PM Zoom Gatherings: Worship, Scripture, and Conversation on great themes of Advent

December 2 Repentance

December 9 Simplicity

December 16 Materiality

## How Dear To Me: Stewardship 2021

The good results of our fall stewardship campaign are noted below. We have some distance to go before we can be sure our ministry is funded for 2021. Your Vestry and Finance Committee are planning for a year with minimal increases to spending, though some expenses inevitably rise, as you may have noticed at home! Please take your part in supporting the ministry of St. John's by making a pledge on the church website, by calling Rhonda Gardner in the parish office, or by returning a paper pledge card.

Amount of Pledge	Number of Pledges
\$0-499	4
\$500-999	7
\$1000-1999	31
\$2000-3999	43
\$4000-5999	18
\$6000-7999	16
\$8000-9999	12
\$10000-11999	11
\$12000 or More	13

We have received 155 pledges,  
which total \$802,520.76.

## A look ahead for St. John's!

- Nov 29 Advent Wreath Making,  
Supply Pick-Up
- Dec 6 Annual Meeting  
(Post 10:30 service, Outside)
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services  
3 pm Carols and Sermon  
(Outdoors)  
4:30 pm Carols and Children's  
Sermon (Outdoors)  
\*Milk & Cookies to follow on  
the patio  
6 pm Holy Eucharist (Indoors,  
Streamed)
- Dec 25 10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
(Indoors, Streamed)

## The Giving Tree: A St. John's Tradition for 30 Years



-At worship on Sunday, take a tag and shop for gifts for Hand Middle School students, Alston Wilkes Society participants, and the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree.

- Or use the Online Giving Tree: [www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DAEAE2EA57-stjohns](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DAEAE2EA57-stjohns)

-Donations of \$25, \$50, and \$100 will support the gift of a new 60" television and a selection of DVDs to be shared among the residence halls of the Midlands Center (Department of Disabilities and Special Needs). If you wish to write a check, please make it out to St. John's and designate it for the Giving Tree.

- If you have any questions about Hand Middle School gifts, call Elisabeth Williamson (803-960-1121), Alston Wilkes or Midlands Center gifts, call Laura Williams (803-446-3504), Prison Ministries gifts, call Rhett Hardy (803-331-9989).

- Remember that the return date for gifts is **December 6.**

- We will have a drive-by drop off on Sat. Dec 5 from 10-12

## Annual Meeting

The St. John's Episcopal Church Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the parking lot following the 10:30 am service on Sunday, December 6. At this meeting, five new Vestry members, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, one delegate and alternate delegates to the Diocesan Convention will be elected, and an amendment to the By-Laws will be considered. Lunch will not be served this year. All members, 16 years-of-age and older, are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, either in person or by proxy. Proxy Voting for the Annual Meeting will be available November 30-December 3, 9:30 - 4:00 PM. We can help with curbside voting as well. Contact the Parish Office for assistance. Childcare will be provided. In the event of rain, the meeting will be postponed or moved into the church.

## Proposed Change to By-Laws

This year's Annual Meeting will consider amending St. John's by-laws to remove the requirement that members of the Vestry be confirmed in the Episcopal Church or another church of the Anglican Communion. Fr. Beasley and the Vestry recommend this change for the following reasons:

- To ensure our parish by-laws conform to the canon law of the diocese and the denomination, which do not require confirmation but that Vestry members be communicants in good standing, baptized persons who receive Holy Communion at least three times per year and who work, give, and pray for the spread of the Kingdom of Christ.
- Changing practice around confirmation by our bishops. Bishops formerly confirmed all Protestants joining our church, even those who have been confirmed in their churches of origin. Now bishops receive them, rather than confirm them again, which had suggested their first confirmation was insufficient. Reception is equivalent to confirmation but the situation is evolving and less than entirely clear.
- Fewer and fewer adults who join our church seek confirmation. We become part of institutions in different ways now.
- Our bishop has suspended the rite of confirmation until the pandemic is over.
- Our by-laws and other levels of church law all understand that baptism makes one a member of the church. To require confirmation for Vestry service can be seen to create two levels of membership in the church, for which there is no Biblical basis.

Amendments to our by-laws require action by two successive meetings of the congregation. We will seek to pass this amendment in 2020 and 2021. If you would like to know more, please contact Fr. Beasley.

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## Prayer Requests

**For Healing:** Irene Barrineau, Ann Bowman, Edie Benson, Evelyn Bull, Thomas Coleman, Matthew Cooke, Landon Derrick, Barbara DeVillier, Nancy Dowling, Diana Edwards, Jonathan Fletcher, Richard Follette, Elaine Folline, Melinda Franks, Parker Gibson, Joy Grimsley, Betty Gum, Fergie Horvath, Rod & Ginny Hungerford, Alice King, Jim Knight, Jim Larkins, Kate Lichty, Joey McCorkle, Beth McMaster, Sarah Mustian, Alex Newcomer, Cese Newcomer, Heidi Partain, Rachel Pertile, Marsha Reid, Monica Rivera, Joan Savage, Hampton Schulz, Rita Sherrer, Brandon and Randolph Shives, Katy Smith, Norma Spangler, Mike Strong, Stephen Sutusky, Joanne Tate, John Tiller, Vera W. Tucker, Claire Trowbridge, Fred West, Brooks Wheeler, Lisa Wilcox, Dewitt Zemp.

**For Expectant Parents:** Davis & Catherine Bourne, Drew & Eleanor Dozier, Chris & Kelli Turnipseed, Adam & Lockey Plyler, Caleb & Zoe Wesman.

**For Military Service Personnel:** Hamilton Osborne III, Matthew Simmons, Camilo Morago, Byron Davison, Treb Courie

## The Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

The Men will be doing a ten week study of the book of Mark. "Mark's Gospel is a simple, succinct, unadorned, yet vivid account of Jesus' ministry, emphasizing more what Jesus did than what he said. Mark moves quickly from one episode in Jesus' life and ministry to another, often using the adverb 'immediately.' The book as a whole is characterized as 'The beginning of the gospel' (1:1)" (Kenneth Barker, The NIV Study Bible). If you're interested in participating in the study, you may pick up a workbook in the breakroom of Heyward Hall. This study meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7 am. Join us on Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/77852888644>

## Serving Christ in the World

### Hand Middle School- WISH LIST

Our church has always been very generous in supporting the students at our neighborhood middle school. They have asked for our help in providing the following items in the next few weeks:

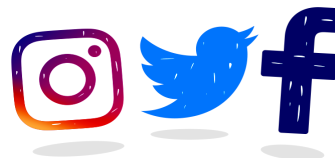
- 1) Empty backpacks for students.
- 2) NEW gifts for the Christmas shop. These are gifts for the students to give to their parents. This year, because of Covid, they are asking for donations of new items that are in store packaging (for safety reasons), instead of gently used items.
- 3) Gift bags (not wrapping paper) and tissue paper for the Christmas shop clients to use.

## ShelbyNext Needs Your Updates!

Please log in through your ShelbyNext app or contact our office at [msg@stjohnscolumbia.org](mailto:msg@stjohnscolumbia.org) and make sure your profile is updated. Did you get a new phone number? Did you move this year? Maybe 2020 was the year your email finally changed. *We appreciate your help in keeping all your contact details correct and current!*

## Christmas Flower and Music Fund

Offer your gift in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one. Forms available in the church narthex and Heyward Hall, or complete the form and pay online at <https://stjohnscolumbia.org/index.php/give>. Suggested donation \$25. **Deadline is Thursday, December 10!**



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