



Holy Eucharist
Last Sunday after Pentecost:
Christ the King
November 22, 2020 · 10:00 am

Order of Service

Prelude

Folk Tune

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Hymn

Ein feste burg

[Sung by the choir. Viewers from home are invited to join in singing. Those attending the service in-person are asked to refrain from singing.]

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing;
for still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Opening Acclamation

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

All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

Kyrie eleison

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Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.



Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Lesson

Psalm 95:1-7a

Reader A reading from the Book of Psalms.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



Hymn

Slane

[Sung by the choir. Viewers from home are invited to join in singing. Those attending the service in-person are asked to refrain from singing.]

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

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

All **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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



Sermon

The Rev. Terry Elsberry

Nicene Creed

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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.

Prayers of the People: Form V

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Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Ian and Laura, our own bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**



Intercessor For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those in positions of public trust, especially **Donald**, our president; **Joseph**, our president-elect and for a smooth transition of government; for **Ned**, our governor; and **Fred**, our first selectman; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have been commended to our prayers:

For those in our nation suffering under injustice;

For all infected with the coronavirus, all who care for them, and all who work for a cure;

For Neighbor to Neighbor, which faithfully serves our community, and for all people who suffer from hunger and poverty;

For our partners in faith... **Sacred Heart Church in Greenwich, the Diocese of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, the Episcopal Church of Cuba**, and in the Anglican cycle of prayer, **the Church of Bermuda**... for all bishops, clergy and people;

We pray for the 46 students at Oljoro Secondary School in Tanzania taking the national exam tomorrow (Nov. 23). This school is part of Christ Church's mission work there.

For those participating in the Bible Challenge,

For those who have been commended to us, especially **Jared Coffin, Courtney, Faith, Isabel, Suzy, Alan, Richard Elliott, Lauren Jean, Colleen, Douglas Robinson, Carmine, Declan Byrne, Harry and Betty Twitchell, Peter and Sudie Blanchard, John Robinson, Katherine**...

For those who have died...



and for those in whose memory the altar flowers are given today: **Emily Moore Wright, Kenneth M. Wright, Thomas Lee Mahan, Clifton W. Ragsdale, Jerre Nelson Fitts, Joseph W. Hotchkiss...** we pray to you, O Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

All **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all 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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**



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Let us with gladness present the alms and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem *[sung by the choir]*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return
'Til thy mercy's beams I see;
'Til they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine;
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy divine;
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Gerald Knight (1908-1979)



The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; [*the Celebrant says the preface*]. 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 and Benedictus

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[Sung by the choir. Viewers from home are invited to join in singing. Those attending the service in-person are asked to refrain from singing.]

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant 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.”

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant 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 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 is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

All **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 Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Celebrant alone receives the Sacrament, while the choir sings the Agnus Dei.



All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** *[St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787]*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Celebrant 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 Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn

Hyfrydol

[Sung by the choir. Viewers from home are invited to join in singing. Those attending the service in-person are asked to refrain from singing.]

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.



Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Following the dismissal, the ministers depart.

Voluntary

Hymne d'action de grâces: Te Deum

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

When exiting the sanctuary, please use the transept (side) doors and shown in the map below:



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Serving Today

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Marek Zabriskie
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Terry Elsberry
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden
	The Rev. Abby VanderBrug
<i>Choir</i>	St. Cecilia Choir of Girls
<i>Director of Music</i>	Jamie Hitel
<i>Associate Director of Music</i>	Jonathan Vaughn
<i>Lector</i>	Rob Morris
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sandy McCullough
<i>Ushers</i>	Elaine Baryn & Karl Spangenberg
<i>Verger</i>	Tim Carpenter

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God...

by Emily Ragsdale,

in memory of Emily Moore Wright, Kenneth M. Wright, Thomas Lee Mahan, Clifton W. Ragsdale;

in loving memory of Jerre Nelson Fitts, by the Fitts family;

in loving memory of Joseph W. Hotchkiss, by his family.