



## Sunday, November 24, 2024- Christ the King Sunday

**Processional Hymn      All hail the power of Jesus' Name      (H 450 1,3,6)**

*1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.*

*3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call, the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all! the God incarnate, Man divine, 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! to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!*

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.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen. (S-277)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.      **People: 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.**

## **A Reading from the Prophet Daniel**

**7:9-10, 13-14**

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

## **Psalm 93**

1 The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

**2 He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved;**

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

**4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

**6 Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, forever and for evermore.**

## **A Reading from the Revelation to St. John**

**1:4b-8**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

### **Come My Way**

**(H 487 v1)**

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.

**Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 18:33-37**

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

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

**The Sermon The Rev. Susan Plucker**

**Nicene Creed**

**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**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Elizabeth and all bishops and other ministers  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

#### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.      **People: And also with you.**

### **Celebrations of Life – Welcome visitors – Blessings, Birthdays, and Anniversaries For a Birthday**

Watch over your child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may your peace which passes understand abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For an Anniversary**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### **The Holy Communion** *Gluten free communion is available.*

### **Presentation of the Elements**

**Offertory Anthem**

**Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace**

**Mary McDonald**

## **Presentation of Offering      Doxology**

*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 - Eucharistic Prayer A**

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 our 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. 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:

***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. (S-124)***

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:

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

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.**

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

**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**

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (S-154)***

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.

**Communion Hymn                      Let us break bread together                      (H 325)**

*1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees;*

***Refrain: when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.***

*2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees; **Refrain***

*3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees;*

***Refrain***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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**

**Recessional Hymn                      Crown him with many crowns                      (H 494 v 1,2,3,5)**

*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 over 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.*

*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.*

**Dismissal:**

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:**        **Thanks be to God.**

**2024 Vestry**

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## Announcements

**Pie Palooza:** Join us today for the Pie Palooza!

**A Gratitude Open House:** All are invited! We thank you for being a part of Epiphany Episcopal Church. This will be on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> 3 pm to 5 pm in the Parish Hall. Please sign up in the Narthex.

**Gingerbread House:** Please join us to decoration your own Gingerbread House in the Parish Hall after the 10am service on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome — children and adults. Please RSVP on the sign up sheet in the Narthex so we know how many houses to bring — all supplies are provided!

**Winter Wonderland:** We are looking for volunteers to participate in Winter Wonderland on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>. You can also assist the Church School by donating whatever you are able towards the purchase of gift cards. If you are interested in attending please pick up the 1/2 sheet and sign up on the clipboard. Please see Betty-Jeanne if you have any questions.

**Advent Study:** Please join us for the advent study: “People, Look East: Welcoming Christmas”. This will be Sundays at 9 am in the Parish Hall on December 1, 8, 15, 22.

**Lessons & Carols:** Come and celebrate the joyous season of waiting and the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, with an inspiring evening of the spoken word, song, and dance. Together, we will reflect on the hope, peace, joy, and love that this season brings.

**Date & Time: December 15, 2024 at 4:00 pm**

**Epicenter Thanksgiving Food Drive:** Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our highly successful October food drive! With Thanksgiving approaching, let's help out the least fortunate in our community. Our November requests are for packets of meats or tuna, canned soup, crackers, canned fruit, mac and cheese boxes, and canned lasagna and spaghetti. Let's fill up our basket in the narthex to overflowing again!

**Christmas Poinsettia:** Please fill out PINK flower slip for Poinsettia (\$30) and attach check or cash and give to Betty-Jeanne or put in the offering plate.

*Please send any announcements for the bulletin and newsletter at  
[admin@nvepiphany.org](mailto:admin@nvepiphany.org)*

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and to love Jesus Christ***

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