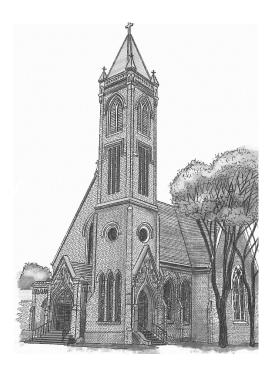
# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



#### Welcome

Whether you are a first-time visitor, longtime member, or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world.

#### For more information

- Fill out a welcome card, located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate or return it by mail.
- · Call the Parish Office at 225-387-5141 with questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.

The Last Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

November 26, 2023 10:30A.M

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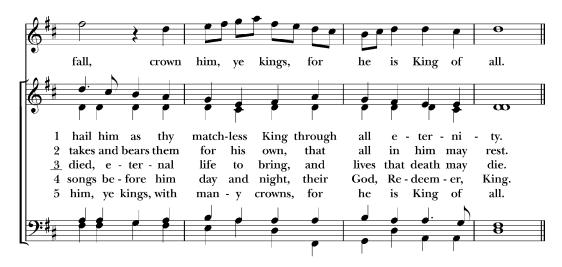
Vincent Lübeck (1654-1740)

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## Welcome & Announcements

## Hymn 494





Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

Music: Diademata, George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

## THE WORD OF GOD

## **Opening Acclamation**

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Collect for Purity

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.** 

# Song of Praise

music: G.F. Handel (1685–1759), arr. John Wilson (1905–1992) words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart! lift up your voice! Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice! The Lord the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our strains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart! lift up your voice! Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!

# The Collect of the Day

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.** 

Children desiring to go to Children's Chapel may join the procession to the back of the church.

The people are seated for the lessons.

#### The Lessons

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Alison Rodrigue

A reading from 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.

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

Anglican Chant: John Goss (1800-1880)

- Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \* serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.

Ephesians 1:15-23 Steve Fair

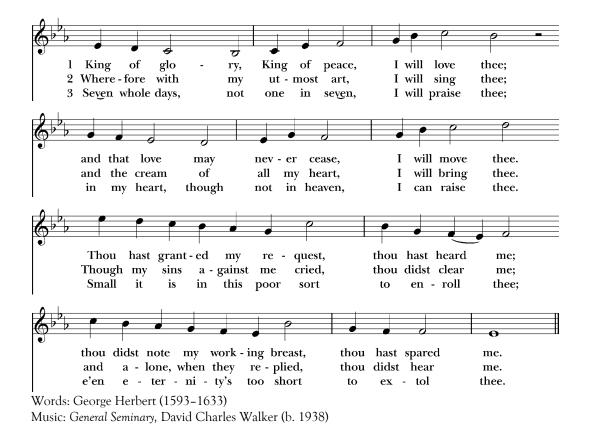
A reading from letter to the Ephesians.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## **Hymn 382**



Matthew 25:31-46

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### The Sermon

The Rev. Christopher R. Duncan

#### The 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.

# The Prayers of the People - Form III

Denise Allen

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; Chris, Drew, Don and Lynn, our priests; Pat, our deacon;

and Austin, our seminarian. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Order of the Daughters

of the King and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joe, our

president; John Bel, our governor; Sharon, our mayor; our family and friends serving in the military and law enforcement; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray for the victims of violence and war, especially those in the Israel, Gaza,

and Ukraine.

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Janet, Leslie, Lindsay, Allyson,

Kristen, Khloe, Charlie, Rebecca, those on our prayer list, and all those who in this transitory life, are in

trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We also pray for expectant mothers, especially

Susanna, Sydney, Olivia, Anna Katherine, CC, Alyce, Caroline, and Maggie, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving you in all things may rejoice in your providence. We thank

you, Lord, for the birth of Thomas Franklin Lawrence.

We will exalt you, O God our King.

People And praise your name for ever and ever.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Roy Hill, Greg Richard, and Kenneth Mitchum, that they may

have a place in your eternal kingdom.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

#### The Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### Celebrant and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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.** 

All stand.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

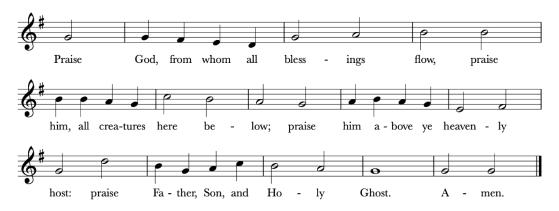
People And also with you.

# Offertory Anthem

music: French carol, 17th cent.; arr. Stephen Cleobury (1948–2019) words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829–1885)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for, with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood. He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away. At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

## Hymn at the Presentation



Words: Thomas Ken (1637–1711)

Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?)

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.

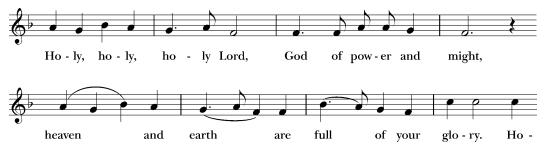
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

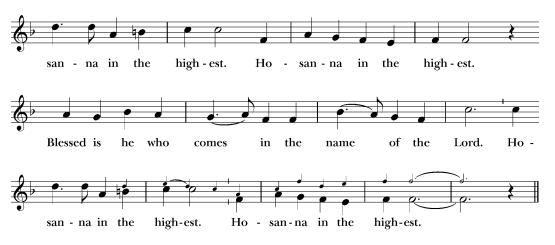
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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 & Benedictus





Setting: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

#### The people may stand or kneel

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:

#### Celebrant and People

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**.

# The Lord's Prayer

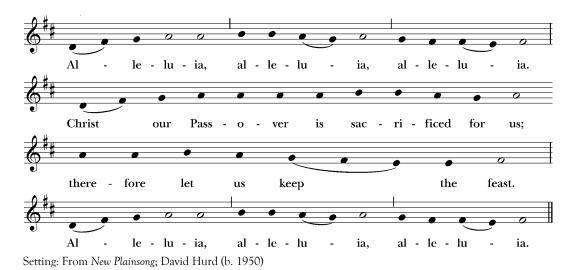
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and 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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.



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.]

Hymn 488 Slane

Be thou my vision

The people may stand or kneel

# The Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

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## The Dismissal

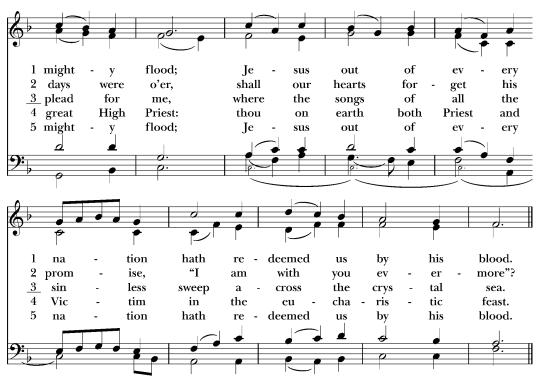
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Stan Masinter, bagpipes

Highland Cathedral





Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Today's flowers are given to the greater glory of God and in loving memory of Mary & Lew Barnum, MaryLou & Guy Riche', Madeline Riche', Barney Barnum, & Danny Barnum by Mimi & Guy Riche'

