



**November 22, 2020**

**Christ The King Sunday – Last  
Sunday After Pentecost**

**Holy Eucharist/NZ BCP: Rite Two**

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**Prelude**

**Piano**

**Processional**      *“Crown Him With Many Crowns” (vs 1,3,5)*      **Hymnal 494**

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

3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife of 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.

***Greetings by Fr. Steve***

## **The Liturgy of The Word**

**BCP 355**

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

People: ***And blessed be God's 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.***

## **The Gloria (*spoken*)**

**BCP 356**

**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.***

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

People: ***And also with you.***

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

## **The Collect Of The Day**

**BCP 236**

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.***

**The First Lesson*****A Reading from 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.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

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

**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 Second Lesson**                      ***A Reading from 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 prayer. 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.***

**Gospel Processional**            *“We Gather Together” (vs 1,2)*

**Hymnal 433**

1 We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:  
Sing praises to his Name; he forgets not his own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!

## **The Gospel**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**People:** ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

### **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."

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:  
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

**Sermon****Fr. Steve Karcher**

*A moment of reflection follows*

**Announcements/Newcomers / Birthdays / Anniversaries / Deployments**

**The Nicene Creed****BCP 358**

**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 worshipped 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-

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(All standing, as he/she is able)

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear us, when we pray in the name of your Son.

Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for The Diocese of Texas, for St. Christopher's and All of Your Church.

Father, enliven the Church for its mission,  
**that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.  
**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.  
**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.  
**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others,  
**that each of us will act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.  
**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need:

*(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)*

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.  
**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.  
**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember those we have lost, whose example inspires and encourages us. Father, we pray that you shall give comfort to those who mourn.

**We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

*(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)*

**Leader:** O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to our President and the presumed President-elect, and to all in authority, the wisdom, courage and strength to know and to do your will. Fill each of them with a love of truth and righteousness, making them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

**Leader:** Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**BCP 360**

*A Brief Silence Is Kept*

**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 Absolution**

**BCP 360**

**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** *(shared by waving, smiling, peace signs, etc., from one's pew)*

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

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentence**

**BCP 377**

**Celebrant:** Offer to God, as you can, a sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

*(Feel free to drop any offering in the plate at the rear, as you leave today.)*

### **Offertory Hymn**

**Piano**

*(The Priest prepares the Table)*

### **Eucharistic Prayer C**

**BCP 369**

*The priest, and the People sing*

**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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People say, together:*

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. *Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit* to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

*A brief silence is kept.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

Celebrant: 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.**

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

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

**The Invitation**

**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.

*A brief silence is kept.*

**Communion Hymn** “*What Wondrous Love Is This*” (vs 1-3) **Hymnal 439**

**1** What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

**2** To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme I will sing.

**3** And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on , I’ll sing on,  
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.  
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,  
and through eternity I’ll sing on!

**Communion Hymn** *“Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing” (vs1-3)* **Hymnal 686**

**1** Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,  
mount of God’s unchanging love.

**2** Here I find my greatest treasure,  
Hither by thy help I’ve come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

**3** Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

**Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

Celebrant: 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

BCP 339

May 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.**

## Recessional Hymn “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (vs 1&4) Hymnal 290

**1** Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God our Maker doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God’s own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.

**4** Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
to thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there, forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.

## The Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude

Organ



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