



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
THE MAJESTY OF CHRIST  
NOVEMBER 24, 2024, AT 8 AM  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

*Please keep a prayerful quiet as we prepare for worship.  
Our liturgy is drawn from a variety of resources. Please see endnotes for references.  
The People's responses are printed in bold.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Opening Acclamation**

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**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 Savior. **Amen.**

**Song of Praise**

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

**Collect of the Day**

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
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.**

**Homily** The Rev. Joshua Daniel, Ph.D.

**Psalm 93** *read responsively by whole verse*

God is Sovereign,  
clothed in splendid apparel; \*  
God is robed in majesty  
and is girded with strength.

**God has made the whole world so sure \*  
that it cannot be moved;**

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

**The waters have lifted up, O God,  
the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**

Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the Holy One who dwells on high.

**Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O God,  
for ever and for evermore.**

### **Scriptural Illumination of the Gospel** Mark 14:17-42

*Please remain seated for the Scriptural Illumination.*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Prayers of the People** *standing as you are able*

*Intercessor* Living God, who is Shepherd and King, you lead us gently yet powerfully: Guide the church in following your will in word and in action, and lead each of us in lives of faithfulness.

For God is good, **and his mercy is everlasting.**

King above all kings, we yearn for your kingdom on earth: May leaders and all in authority move us toward true justice and peace. We pray also for the care of your creation and for the welfare of all people around the world.

For God is good, **and his mercy is everlasting.**

As a shepherd cares for his flock, you care for us: We ask your healing and peace for all who are in sickness or adversity, especially . . . and those concerns we name aloud or in our hearts . . .

For God is good, **and his mercy is everlasting.**

We shout with joy to the Rock of our salvation and we give thanks for the blessings of this life: We offer praise to you for . . . and the thanksgivings we name aloud or in our hearts . . .

For God is good, **and his mercy is everlasting.**

Your kingdom has been prepared since the foundation of all creation: Welcome your faithful servants who have died, especially . . . and the departed we name aloud or in our hearts . . .

For God is good, **and his mercy is everlasting.**

Almighty God, the sea is yours for you made it and your hands have molded the dry land; we are your creation and we come to you in prayer and praise. Accept these prayers we raise to you, rule our hearts in the knowledge and love of you, and bring us ever closer to your kingdom. **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution** *standing or kneeling as you are able*

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be 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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Peace** *The Presider says to the People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**Announcements**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## At the Offertory

*The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions. Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them unto God.**

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.  
**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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator of all.

Jesus 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 Jesus 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 all 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 God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' 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 God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The bread is broken and silence observed.*

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

## Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

## Communion

*Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. We do not allow dipping the bread into the wine. ■ Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.*

## Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, 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 Savior. Amen.**

*Presider* As we are gathered, fed, and sent by God, let us ask ourselves: With whom can I share the Good News? Whom will I invite to join us at this table?

## Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers *when scheduled*

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.**

## Blessing

*The People respond* **Amen.**

## Dismissal

*The People respond* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



### **Liturgical Note**

Christ the King Sunday, or the Majesty of Christ, is the final Sunday of the liturgical year and celebrates Christ's sovereign rule over creation. Today's Scriptural Illumination reminds us of the unique ways in which Jesus enacts his kingship—distinct from other earthly rulers and from the messiah many expected.

### **Land Acknowledgement**

We meet today on the traditional land of the first people of Nacotchtank, who were custodians of the land for thousands of years, caring for and nurturing it. We give thanks for their stewardship and lament the ways the Nacotchtank were removed from their ancestral home. We pray for all who live on this land and pay our respects to the native leaders past, present, and emerging.

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