

The Last Sunday After Pentecost

THE SUNDAY OF CHRIST THE KING

22 November 2026 at 10:30 AM

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
430 Juliana Street
Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

Welcome to Trinity Church

Everyone is welcome here.

Everything you need for the service is either in this bulletin or in *the Hymnal 1982* in your pew rack. The text in **bold type** is the parts of the service that you say.

If you have arrived after the start of the service, please don't worry.

Please ask one of the ushers (welcomers) in the back – or anyone else – if you need help.

Children are allowed to be children, whether they are sitting quietly, skipping around, or crying. There are special activities for them in the back of the church if you would like. There is also a box with quiet toys in the Library (through the door to the left, behind the piano) should you need to take your little one out; there is a speaker in there, so you can continue to hear the service.

We ask that you please refrain from cell phone use before and during the service. It is customary to prepare for worship by a period of silent prayer. Suggested prayers are found on the next page.

COVER ART

Hans Memling (ca. 1430-1494)
Christ Between Singing and Music-Making Angels [detail] (1480s)
Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Antwerp, Belgium

PRIVATE PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear your servants' prayers, and grant to our parish all things that are necessary for its spiritual welfare; enlighten and guide its priest; strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wandering; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of your Gospel; bring all to be of one heart and one mind within the fold of your holy Church; to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER OF CHRIST THE KING

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Beach Spring

Wayne L. Wold, based on an American folk melody

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

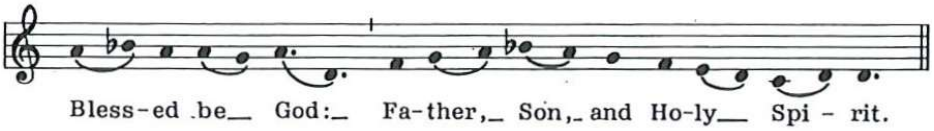
TUNE: *Beach Spring*



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

SETTING: *Missa Orbis Factor*, arr. David Hurd (b. 1950)

Celebrant



People

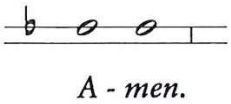


THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant intones

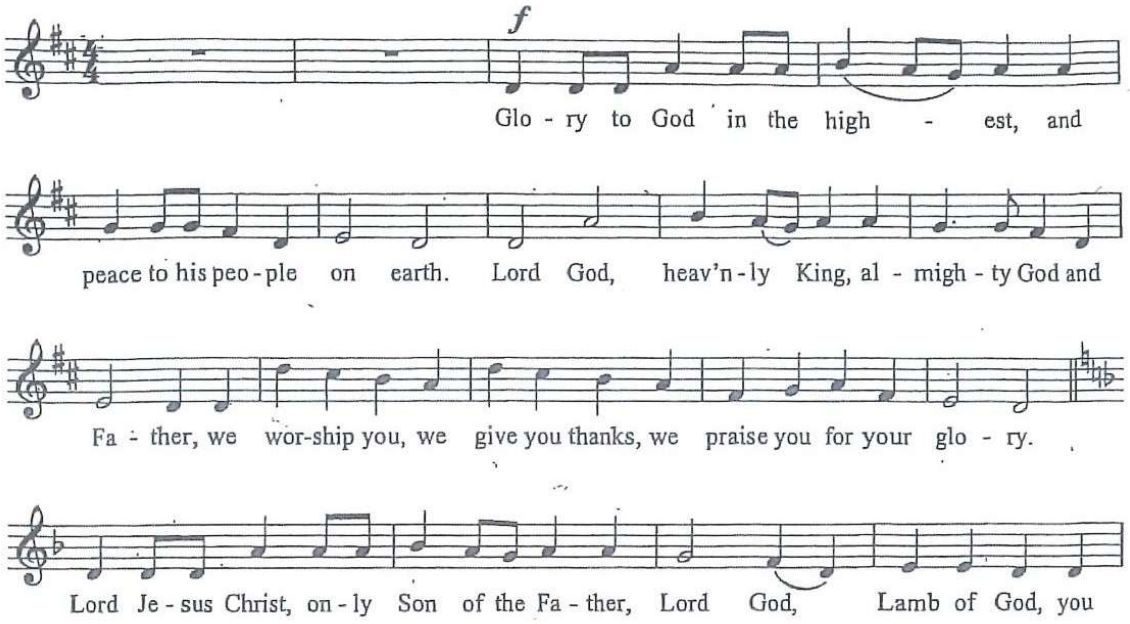
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

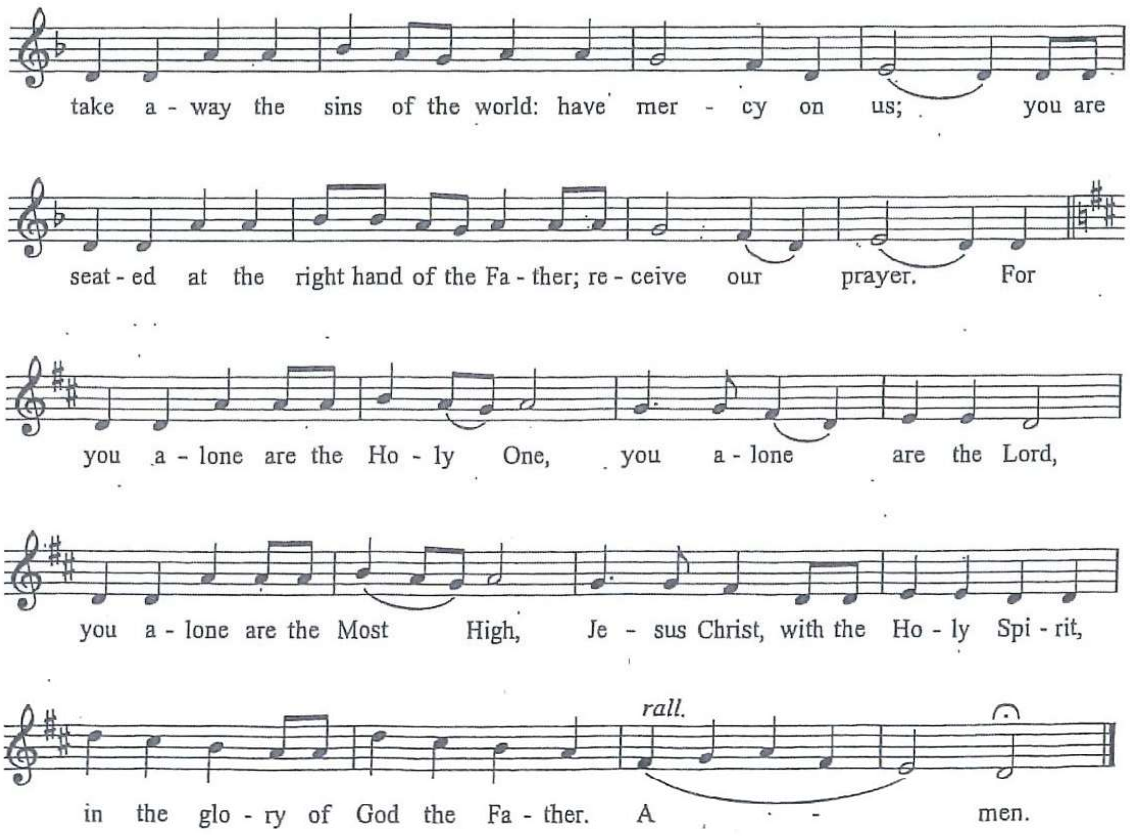
People



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

SETTING: *Missa Simplex*, Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)



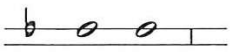


THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

People



Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort 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 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 strays, 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.**

GRADUAL: PSALM 100
Jubilate Deo

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

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.

SECOND LESSON: 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 prayers, 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 perceive 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.**

Please stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN - 489
The Great Creator of the Worlds
Tallis' Ordinal

THE GOSPEL
Matthew 25.31-46

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. 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 who 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 brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who 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.**

THE SERMON
Father Guy Mackey, OPA

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as able.

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 IV

BCP 388

You may remain standing or kneel. After each Petition, the Leader says

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

The People kneel as able. Silence is kept.

All together **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 celebrant stands and pronounces the Absolution.

All stand as able.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo
Dale Wood (1934-2003)

O sing to the Lord with a jubilant voice. Glory to God in the highest!
O serve him with gladness, before him rejoice. Praise to the Lord in the highest!
The Lord is our God, our Creator, not we. Glory to God in the highest!
The sheep of his pasture we ever shall be. Praise to the Lord in the highest!
O enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise. Glory to God in the highest!
To honor his name thankful voices we raise. Praise to the Lord in the highest!
For good is the Lord, and his mercy is sure. Glory to God in the highest!
To all generations his truth shall endure. Glory to God! Praise to the Lord in the highest!

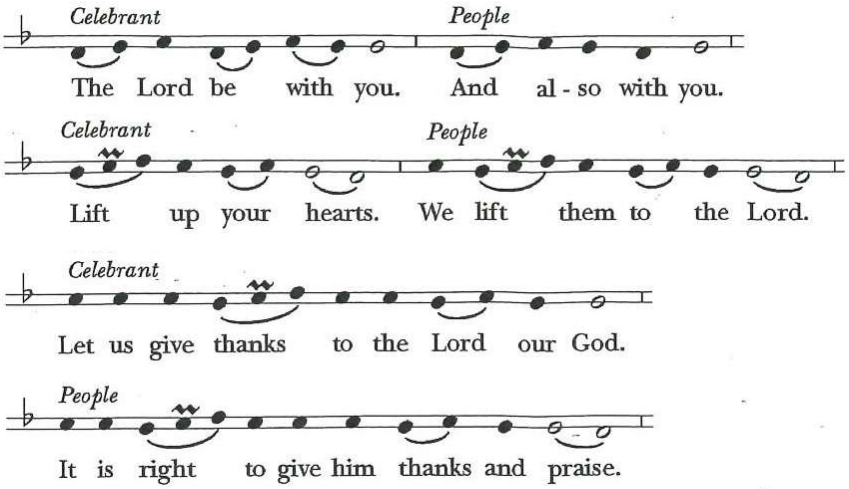
TEXT: Dale Wood, based on a text by Ulrick Vilhelm Koren (1826-1910)
tr. Harriet Reynolds Spaeth (1845-1925)

All stand as the offerings are brought forward and the following is sung.

THE DOXOLOGY – Hymn 380, verse 3

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
TUNE: *Old 100th*

THE SURSUM CORDA AND PREFACE



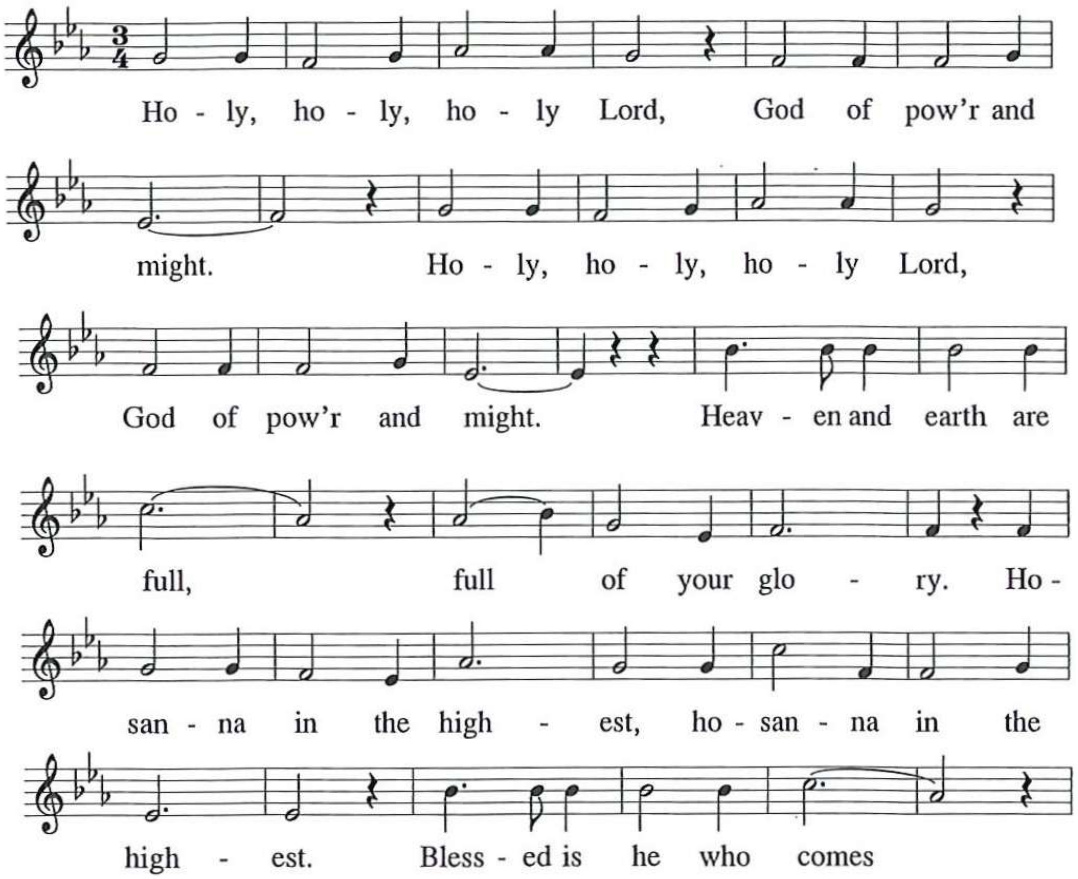
The Celebrant continues

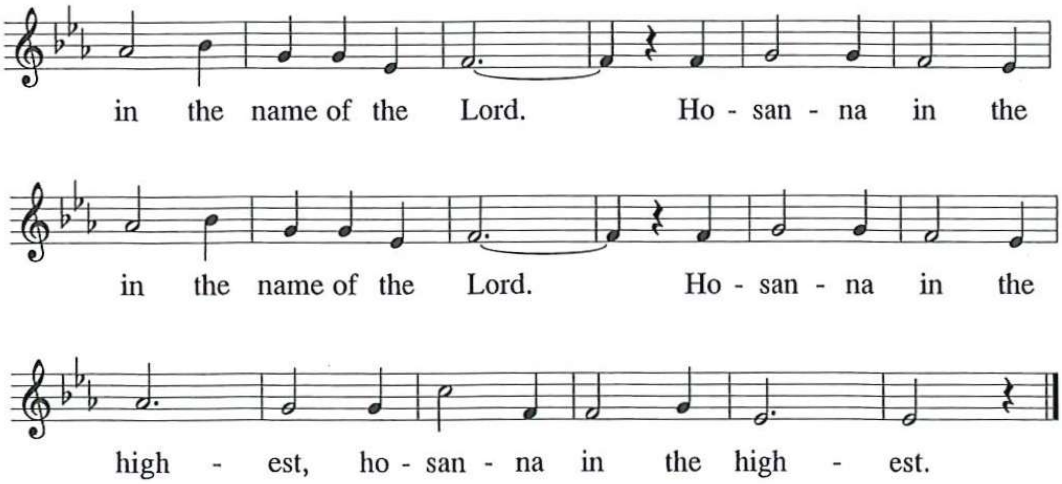


It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, for forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS – S 130

SETTING: *Deutsche Messe*, F. Schubert (1797-1828); arr. R. Proulx (1937-2010)





THE CANON

The People remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer. The full text can be found beginning on page 362 of the Book of Common Prayer.

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

The Celebrant continues, concluding as follows

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

AGNUS DEI – S 164

SETTING: *Deutsche Messe*, F. Schubert (1797-1828); arr. R. Proulx (1937-2010)



After the Ministers receive the Sacrament, they administer Communion to the People. All the baptized faithful are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God,**
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN - 555

Lead On, O King Eternal

TUNE: *Lancashire*

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Lancashire"

Jason D. Payne, based on a tune by Henry T. Smart (1813-1879)

A LITURGICAL NOTE

"The Festival of **Christ the King** did not emerge until the twentieth century, and at first it had nothing to do with the end of the church year. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 … in the wake of the rise of communism in Russia and fascism in Italy and Spain. In just a few years nazism would emerge in Germany. The intention was to oppose the rule of Christ to these regimes with their totalitarian claims on the lives of their people … In the reform of the Roman liturgy after the Second Vatican Council, the Festival of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the church year. The new location served more than an ecumenical gesture. Located at this point in the church year with its eschatological [i.e. "last things"] emphasis, Christ the King proclaims Christ as 'the goal of human history, the focal point of the desires of history and civilization, the center of humankind, the joy of all hearts, and the fulfillment of all aspirations.'" (Frank Senn, *Introduction to Christian Liturgy*, 154-155)

Though it began in the Roman Church, it has become a common observance among mainline Protestant denominations as well. The Lectionary in the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* did not originally list the Last Sunday after Epiphany as "the Sunday of Christ the King," although the readings and collect did reflect this theme. For Episcopalians, it became popular to refer to this Sunday as "Christ the King" even though it was unofficial. In 2006, the Episcopal Lectionary was updated in keeping with the more ecumenical Revised Common Lectionary – at which time the title became official.

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PRIVATE PRAYERS FOR AFTER COMMUNION

May our Lord Jesus Christ – whom we have served and celebrated and honoured in his holy, glorious, life-giving, and divine mysteries – in his grace and mercy make us worthy of the beauty and glory of his kingdom, and of joy with his holy angels; and to have guiltless faces before him, standing at his right hand in the Jerusalem which is above. To him be praise and may the right hand of his providence rest upon us and upon all creatures, now and for ever. **Amen.**

From the Liturgy of the Chaldean Church

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands which have been held out to receive the holy things. Grant that the ears which have heard the music of your songs may be closed to clamor and dispute; that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung Holy, Holy may also speak the truth; that the feet that have walked your courts may ever walk in the paths of light; that the bodies which have tasted your living Body may be restored to newness of life. Amen.

From the Liturgy of Malabar

Blessed, praised, and adored be our Lord Jesus Christ; on his throne of glory, in the most holy Sacrament of the altar, and in the hearts of his faithful people. May the souls of the faithful ✠ departed, through the mercies of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

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