

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
The Episcopal Church of the Advent
Kennett Square, PA
The Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King
November 24, 2024 10:30 a.m.



WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O God Beyond All Praising

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OPENING HYMN

#178 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)
Alleluia, Give Thanks

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

O God, whose Son Jesus came that we might know the freedom of the children of God: Give us vision and courage to stand against oppression and injustice and all that works against the glorious liberty to which you call all your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON: Micah 6:1-8

Listen to what the Lord says:

"Stand up, plead my case before the mountains;
let the hills hear what you have to say.

² “Hear, you mountains, the Lord’s accusation;
listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.

For the Lord has a case against his people;
he is lodging a charge against Israel.

³ “My people, what have I done to you?
How have I burdened you? Answer me.

⁴ I brought you up out of Egypt
and redeemed you from the land of slavery.

I sent Moses to lead you,
also Aaron and Miriam.

⁵ My people, remember
what Balak king of Moab plotted
and what Balaam son of Beor answered.

Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.”

⁶ With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow down before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

¹ LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory
in the heavens.

² Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

³ When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
 human beings that you care for them?
 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels
 and crowned them with glory and honor.
 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
 you put everything under their feet:
 7 all flocks and herds,
 and the animals of the wild,
 8 the birds in the sky,
 and the fish in the sea,
 all that swim the paths of the seas.
 9 LORD, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

(Please stand for the Alleluia and the reading of the Gospel.)

GOSPEL ALLELUIA (*sing 3 times*)

Traditional Caribbean
 Arr. John Bell and Graham Maule

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.
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THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

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

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit
 on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will
 separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the

goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ ⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ ⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ ⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ ⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

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

GOSPEL ALLELUIA (*sing 1 time*)

Traditional Caribbean
 Arr. John Bell and Graham Maule

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HOMILY

Baptismal Covenant Sermon Series:
*Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

NICENE CREED *(spoken in unison)*

**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

(Please kneel, remain standing, or be seated for the prayers and confession.)

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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 PEACE *(Please stand as you are able for the Peace.)*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY *The Commission* from “Mass for the Homeless”

Joan & Wilson Somers

Madeline Bolden Johnson, Soprano Soloist

DOXOLOGY *(Please stand as you are able for the Doxology.)*

*Hymn tune from # 380, v. 3 in the **Hymnal 1982** – blue hymnal*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below! Praise him above you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Eucharistic Prayer A from The Book of Common Prayer)

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you...

...who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dore you. My
heart is glad to say the words: you are Ho - ly, Lord!

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(You may remain standing, kneel, or be seated for the remainder of the prayer.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

...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,...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**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.
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!**

COMMUNION HYMN #458 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)
My Song is Love

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #494 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)
Crown Him with Many Crowns

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and the service the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Festival Voluntary

Peeters

*The Altar Flowers are co-sponsored today by
Rebecca Rollinson and Christine Kydd*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant: The Reverend Timothy A. Johnson+, Rector

Lector: Ellen Struble

Sub Deacon: Pete Peterson

Eucharistic Minister: Deb Peterson

Ushers: Mike Bell

Director of Music: Wilson G. Somers

Pastoral Emergencies – If you have a pastoral emergency requiring the immediate assistance of a priest, please contact the church office during office hours. Outside of office hours, please contact the Rev. Tim Johnson directly at 484-730-1988.

Suggested Spiritual Practice for the Fall: A Colloquy

In the 16th century, St. Ignatius of Loyola taught his students a form of prayer that he referred to as a colloquy (or “conversation”). His intention in teaching this approach to prayer was to encourage his students to embrace prayer as a conversation. Prayer does not require us to use the language of the Prayer Book or any formal language; rather, prayer at its heart is a simple conversation with God. A colloquy utilizes our imagination as a resource for prayer.

To use this form of prayer:

1. Place your body in a comfortable position, close your eyes, and begin to relax your body and quiet your thoughts. If it is helpful, slowly repeat a word such as “peace” to calm your thoughts.
2. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time of prayer.
3. Imagine that you are seated in a familiar place where you would normally talk with a friend, such as your living room, kitchen table, porch, etc.
4. Imagine Jesus joins you in that familiar place and sits with you.
5. While you are imagining Jesus is sitting with you, share with Jesus what is on your heart and in your mind, and imagine that Jesus is looking at you attentively and with love. It is also appropriate to imagine you are sitting with Jesus in silence.
6. When you are ready to bring your prayer to an end, thank Jesus for joining you in your time of prayer.