

# Christ the King: Last Sunday after Pentecost

## Morning Prayer Rite II

### Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude**                      **Ride on King Jesus**                      **Sung by the Holy Apostles Choir**

**Opening Song**              **To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King**              **Sung by Motomi Tanaka**

### Opening Sentence

*Presider*        Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead us, and bring us to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

### Confession of Sin

*Presider*        Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*All*                      **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:**  
**You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.**  
**We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom,**  
**while building walls between ourselves and others.**  
**We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,**  
**while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.**  
**We have tried to love our neighbors individually**  
**while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.**  
**Forgive us, Holy God.**  
**Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.**  
**Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.**  
**Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,**  
**united in our diversity,**  
**even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,**  
**Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.**  
**Amen**

*Presider*        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 Invitatory & Psalter**

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

*Presider* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

**Sung by Motomi Tanaka**

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:*

*Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves,*

*We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.*

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:*

## **Psalms 95:1-7a**

**Led by Carol Oliver**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lesson**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

**Read by James Topping**

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.

The word of the Lord.

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

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

**Read by Deacon John Musco**

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."

The word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Sarah Kooperkamp**

**The Apostles Creed**

**Said in unison**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Offertory**

*We give thanks to God for all we have and all we are. You can give securely online here:*

<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/website>

**Doxology**

**Sung by all**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**The Prayers**

**Led by Janet Kaplan**

*Intercessor*    Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

*Pause for a moment of silence*

*Intercessor*    For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

*People*            **We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor*    For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,  
*People*            **We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor*    For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,  
*People*            **We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor*    For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
*People*            **We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor*    For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,  
*People*            **We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor*    For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,  
*People*            **We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor*    For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
*People*            **We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor*    For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
*People*            **We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor*    Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in  
Christ Jesus our Lord;  
*People*            **To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and  
for ever.**

*Intercessor*    I invite you to offer intercessions and thanksgivings to God either silently or  
aloud.

*\*\* we will unmute all for intercessions. Please give silence after each person speaks before you  
add your petition. If you do not have a petition or if there is too much background noise in your  
home, please mute yourself. You can also write your prayer in the chat.*

**The Lord's Prayer    LEVAS-264**

**Sung by all**

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

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 General Thanksgiving**

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.***

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.***

### **The Benediction**

**Rev. William Sloan Coffin**

*Presider*      May God give you Grace never to sell yourself short;  
Grace to risk something big for something good;  
Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love;  
The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you this day and always. *Amen.*

## **Closing Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**

**Sung by all**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne  
Alleluia! His the triumph. His the victory alone  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food our stay!  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day  
Intercessor, friend of sinners. Earth's Redeemer plead for me  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea

## **Parting Hymn**

May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever  
Bind your heart to his heard, with a bond that nothing can sever  
Give you light on the uphill road, and courage in every endeavor  
May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever.

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Time for Check-In**

# **Parish Announcements**

## **Looking toward Advent**

- This Advent and Christmas seasons will be unlike any others we have experienced. For the **four Sundays in Advent**, we will plan on Sunday morning Zoom services, and then, at 4:30pm, we will gather outside of the church, masked and socially distanced, for a 25-minute candlelight service of communion with music from a soloist. We will be sending emails weekly as RSVPs will be necessary due to COVID tracing.
- **Advent retreat:** we will lead a 4-week "retreat" during Advent that will meet weekly on Zoom. More information will be forthcoming.
- **Wreath Making.** We will be making wreaths Saturday, December 5th 12-2 (rain date Sun Dec 6th 12-2). Socially distanced, masked, outside! Join us for this fun advent activity. Cost is \$20/wreath. To reserve your spot, please pay for a wreath here and we will be in touch regarding a time slot: <https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/craft>

### ***PS 15 & Holy Apostles***

#### ***Give a Family Christmas***

*This year we will be giving gifts to students at PS 15 and their family. We are grateful that Kallen Tsikalas has volunteered to organize this effort again. If you are interested in participating, the first step is to fill out this Google form:*

*[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7kYQ8Mnby8XiYJ64PBXcYKgnrYsFN6lw16XfZGsB\\_0FXzQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7kYQ8Mnby8XiYJ64PBXcYKgnrYsFN6lw16XfZGsB_0FXzQ/viewform)*

#### ***Continued Support for Students***

*As it looks like all students in NYC will be shifting to remote learning, the administration of PS 15 is worried that students will not have adequate food, money to pay cable bills (to get internet) as well as games. We are still collecting funds through our discretionary fund to help out. . You can donate here: [www.holyapostlesbrooklyn.com/belonging/giving](http://www.holyapostlesbrooklyn.com/belonging/giving)*

*If you have a prayer request or thanksgiving for our **Parish Prayer List** that you would like to include in our weekly email, please email it to [info@holyapostlesbrookly.com](mailto:info@holyapostlesbrookly.com) by **Friday at 5pm.***

*A link to our 10am service is now included in our prayer list that goes out on Sunday evenings.*