

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**Simple Saturday Service**  
**The Eve of the Last Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Christ the King**  
**November 21, 2020**

**Opening Prayers**

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

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 Prayer of the Day (The Collect)**

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.*

**A reading from the Prophet 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 100**

- 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.

### **A reading from Paul's letter to the 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. 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.

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### **Gradual Anthem**

*Crown Him* by C. Machen, arr. R. Huggins  
St. Paul's Quarantine Quire

### **The Gospel**

The holy gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew (25:31-46)

***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 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 Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Kate Atkinson

**The Nicene Creed**

*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.*

### **The Prayers of the People, Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

As we pray through our Parish List, we lift the following people to you:

John & Linda Young; Dana & Barbara Abbott;  
Heather, Justin, Elizabeth & Jack Abbott;  
Daniel, Jennifer, Connor & Delaney Afflick; Tom & Marian Akey;  
Peg Aldrich & Nicki Bourne; Susan Alfin & Emily Alfin Johnson;  
Robert, Amy, Alexander & Vivian Altman; Joanne & John Ames;  
Scott, Barb & Shelby Anderson

We give you thanks for each of them,

***and ask for your blessing on their lives.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble: especially today Maria, Peg, John, Jim, Ginnie and Steve, David, Justin, Maddie, Cindy, Dave, Shelly, Russ, and Steve. Please add the names of anyone you may be holding in your heart today...

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially today Sister Diane Christine OLW, and Nellie and Richard Russ, and Dr. Frederick Stevens and Leslie Stevens, in whose memory altar flowers have been given.

Please add the names of anyone whose loss you may be grieving today...

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

***Amen.***

### **The Lord's Prayer**

***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 Confession**

*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 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**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

## **The Announcements**

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion** (adapted from St. Augustine's Prayerbook)

O Most blessed Savior, together with the faithful of every altar of your Church  
where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father,  
we desire to offer you our praises and thanksgivings.

We present to you ourselves, our souls and bodies,  
with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you.

And since we cannot now receive you in the sacraments,  
we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts,  
and we unite ourselves to you and embrace you,

O Jesus, with all the love of our souls.

COME, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts.

*Amen.*

## **The Blessing and Dismissal**