

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
CHRIST THE KING



NOVEMBER 22, 2020
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
10:30 IN THE MORNING • ONLINE WORSHIP

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

ABOUT CHRIST THE KING

Today marks the end of the long season after the Day of Pentecost and the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical calendar. Known as Christ the King Sunday, it celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ as Lord of all things, for in Christ all things began and in Christ all things will be fulfilled. We now find ourselves on the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's return.



Welcome to Christ Church Eureka, where we seek to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit. Whoever you are and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, your presence enriches us. We hope you prayerfully consider making Christ Church your home church.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in remembrance of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy,
and in loving memory of the birthday of my mother, Yvonne Mae Buddington Preston,
and of the homegoing of my sister, Judy Preston,
by Steven D. Preston and Daniel L. Hafer.



SERVING THIS MORNING

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Dr. Daniel London
PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. Daniel London
DEACONS	The Venerable Pam Gossard The Rev. Anne Pierson
READERS	Marty Van Zandt, Nellie Thompson Royal McCarthy
INTERCESSORS	The Rev. Anne Pierson John Patton
ORGANIST	Merry Phillips
CANTOR/SOLOIST	David B. Powell
ALTAR GUILD	Katherine Clague

❖ ORDER OF SERVICE ❖

The people's responses are in *bold*

We worship today according to the appointed order for *The Holy Eucharist: Rite II*, beginning on page 355 of the *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Brother James' Air (The Lord's My Shepherd)

setting by Searle Wright

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Daniel D. London

ENTRANCE HYMN #377

All people that on earth do dwell (vv. 1-4)

(Old 100th)

(Sung by all)

Unison or harmony

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
 4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
 3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
 4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.

Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

BCP 356

Setting: William Mathias
The Hymnal #S278

Sung by all



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BCP 185

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. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

THE LESSONS

BCP 357

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Reader A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 100 *Jubilate Deo*

BCP 729-730

Setting: Plainsong, Tone 4; Bruce E. Ford

The Hymnal 1982 #S41

1. Be joy - ful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his pres - ence with a song. [Ant.] 2. Know this:
The Lord him - self is God; he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pas - ture. [Ant.] 3. En - ter his gates
with thanksgiving; go in - to his courts with praise; give thanks to him
and call up - on his Name. [Ant.] 4. For the Lord is good; his mercy is
ev - er - last - ing; and his faithfulness en - dures from age to age. [Ant.]

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 Praise the Lord through ev - ery na - tion; his ho - ly
 2 Je - sus, Lord, our Cap - tain glo - rious, o'er sin, and

arm hath wrought sal - va - tion; ex - alt him on his
 death, and hell vic - to - rious, wis - dom and might to

Fa - ther's throne. Praise your King, ye Chris - tian le -
 thee be - long; we con - fess, pro - claim, a - dore

gions, who now pre - pares in heaven - ly re -
 thee; we bow the knee, we fall be - fore

gions un - fail - ing man - sions for his own: with
 thee; thy love hence - forth shall be our song. The

voice and min - strel - sy ex - tol his ma - jes -
 cross mean - while we bear, the crown ere - long to

Words: Rhijnvis Feith (1753-1824); para. James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
 Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to 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 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GRADUAL HYMN #484

Praise the Lord through every nation (v. 2)

(*Wachet auf*)

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Daniel D. London

After the homily, a period of silence is observed.

THE NICENE CREED

EOW 53

The people stand saying together.

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 became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Deacon With our eyes fixed on Christ, the beloved Son who intercedes for us, let us offer our prayer with confident faith before the throne of God.

Deacon Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Deacon Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Deacon We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Deacon We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Deacon Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Deacon Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Deacon Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

Deanery Cycle of Prayer We pray for the congregations of our deanery and for the people of St. Paul's, Crescent City. Heavenly father, source of all blessing and all good; bless and magnify the efforts, works and intentions of the St. Paul's congregation as you did the loaves and fishes for your Son Jesus so long ago, that their works may find favor in your sight, and glorify your Name.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer St. John's Episcopal Church, Roseville
The Rev. Cliff Haggengos, Rector
The Rev. Marcia Hansen, Deacon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Church of Bermuda
The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Dill
Bishop of Bermuda

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 359

The Deacon says

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.

Priest stands and says

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

BCP 360

All stand.

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

*Then the Ministers and the People offer a simple wave, gesture, bow or smile
in the name of the Lord and then are seated.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

BCP 830

Watch over your child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING FOR AN ANNIVERSARY

BCP 431

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR TRAVELERS

BCP 831

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular _____]; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Icon of Christ The King

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 377

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord Bless You and Keep You: Farewell Anthem with Sevenfold Amen

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord lift His countenance upon you;
and give you peace, and give you peace,
the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you, be gracious,
the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.
Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN #555

Lead on, O King eternal

(Lancashire)

(Sung by all)

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home;
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears.

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The piano accompaniment is primarily chordal, with some melodic lines in the bass.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heaven - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Words: Ernest Warburton Shurtleff (1862-1917) Music: *Lancashire*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

The people remain standing.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord,
People and of thine own have we given thee.

DOXOLOGY

(Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise God all creatures here below
 Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN

*All are invited to make a gift to our mission of striving to glorify God,
 follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit,
 please visit <https://christchurcheureka.org/giving/>.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 361
 Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

Wonder, Love and Praise #858
 Music: *Land of Rest, American folk melody*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983) Meter: CM

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: 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 maker and preserver of all people.

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 Savior 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.
AMEN.

Feel free to pray in whatever language and words that bring you closer to God.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All

Our

Mother	who art in heaven,
Father	
Creator	

 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM S161

Agnus Dei

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. *John 1:29*
 The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all:

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

COMMUNION HYMN #433

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing

(Kremser)



1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

and People 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.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #100

Joy to the world! The Lord is come

(Antioch)

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia. Go in peace to glorify God,
 follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people
 through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Lobe den Herren (Praise to the Lord)

Max Drischner

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MUSICAL NOTE: Joy to the World: A Christmas Hymn Reconsidered

Isaac Watts was arguably the most prolific hymn writer of his day. He is known for writing such timeless hymns as “Behold the Glories of the Lamb” and “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.” However, Watts is best known for writing the hymn “Joy to the World”—a song played worldwide during Christmas every year.

While “Joy to the World” is primarily sung at Christmas, it’s not about the incarnation. Rather, the song tells the story of Christ’s return—his *second* coming. We know this for at least three reasons.

- First, the song speaks of the whole earth receiving her King.
- Second, we know this hymn is a song of Christ’s second coming because verse 3 talks about sins and sorrows being no more:
No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
If you have lived on this earth for more than two minutes, you know that this is not our current experience.
- Third, the final verse reveals that this hymn is about the second coming. It says:
He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love

These final lines speak of how the nations will take an active role in revealing the glory of God. We know that all the nations of the earth are ultimately subject to God’s ever-sovereign hand. He is the one who gives authority, and he’s the one who takes it away. He uses every mistake, every poor decision, every war, every calamity, and every season of prosperity, all for his glory. But we have not yet seen the nations of this world intentionally seeking to prove the wonders and glories of our ultimate King. In fact, they often seek to defame the name of God. But he will not share his glory with another. The I Am is jealous for his name. Surely, there will be a day when we can say, “He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove” his glory. And that day will be wonderful.

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TODAY!



Christ Episcopal Church, Eureka, CA
presents
a November "Sundays at 4" Concert

A Concert of Thanksgiving Music

Please join us for a program of music (including organ, guitar, cello, and virtual choir) celebrating the season of Thanksgiving and performed by musical friends at

Christ Church.

The concert will premiere on Sunday, November 22, at 4 pm on YouTube
(<https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka>)

After Sunday, it will be available on YouTube to watch and listen to any time!

❖ CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER CIRCLE ❖

Our Prayer Circle will pray for your special need if you request it by contacting Susan Whaley. She emails it to Prayer Circle members, and they add the request to their regular prayers.

Three good things to know:

1. Prayer Circle members practice strict respect and confidentiality.
2. If you ask for prayers for another person or persons, they must know about it and agree.
3. Best access to Susan Whaley is s_whaley@sbcglobal.net or you can also reach her by phone at (707) 407-6102.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The word Advent means “coming.” It is a time to slow down, be quiet and meditate about the real meaning of Christmas. These four weeks before Christmas are a time to prepare our hearts and our lives as we wait for the coming of Jesus. We focus on the promise that God made to his people and how that promise was fulfilled in Jesus. Advent is also the beginning of the liturgical year.

The season begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on the day before Christmas. It may be a time for new beginning for us as Christians. Advent will begin on Sunday, November 29 and ends on Sunday, December 22, 2020.

The clergy and worship committee are working to prepare worship and opportunities to gather in person this Advent Season.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS NOVEMBER 29—10:30 ONLINE WORSHIP

This ancient service of Lessons and Carols, rooted in the English tradition, provides for hearing the story of the coming of the Savior through the scriptures and carols presented by our lay readers and virtual choir.

SUNDAYS OF ADVENT CELEBRATED ON DECEMBER 6, 13, AND 20 HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II 10:30 ONLINE WORSHIP

Parishioners will be able to obtain pre-consecrated communion wafers to participate in the services each week.

ADVENT SACRED SAUNTERS—IN PERSON DECEMBER 5, 12, 19

During the three Saturdays in Advent (at 11 AM), we will celebrate Eucharist outside among the redwoods at Deacon Anne’s lovely home.

Watch your weekly Email Updates for more information!