

# The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Feast of Christ the King

*November 21, 2021  
8:00 am*



*The Holy Eucharist, Rite One*

**Trinity Church, Swarthmore**

**Welcome!** Wherever we are as we prepare to worship this morning, we seek to be as one Body enlivened by the one Spirit in our worship, relationships, and loving service.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

~ Daniel 7:14b

*Our worship in this service follows Rite I of the Holy Eucharist in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP), beginning on page 323. This service is broadcast live on our [YouTube channel](#).*

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Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 323

*The people standing, the Presider says*

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God, forever and forever. Amen.**

*The Presider says*

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

### **Liturgy of the Word**

*Scriptural excerpts are from the NRSV translation, with the psalm as in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.*

The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* 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* **Amen.**

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

*Lector* A reading from the book of Daniel.

As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.  
A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.  
As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.  
To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 93 *Dominus regnavit*

*The Congregation recites the half-verse printed in bold.*

- 1) The LORD is King;  
he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
**the LORD has put on his apparel  
and girded himself with strength.**
- 2) He has made the whole world so sure \*  
**that it cannot be moved;**
- 3) Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*  
**you are from everlasting.**
- 4) The waters have lifted up, O LORD,  
the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
**the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**
- 5) Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
**mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**
- 6) Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
**and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,  
for ever and for evermore.**

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

*Lector*        A reading from the Revelation to John.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

John 18:33-37

*Gospeller*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My

kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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**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 p. 388

*Prayer leader*      Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory in the world.

*Prayer leader*      Lord, in your mercy  
*People*                **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy...

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy...

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy...

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy...

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy...

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*BCP p. 331*

*The Deacon or Presider says the following*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*The Presider concludes with an absolution.*

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

*Presider*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

*Announcements follow, after which offerings are brought to the table for consecration.*

## Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion

*All who are drawn to God in the way of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the host, blessed and broken, in the community of Trinity Church. If you wish to receive, please come up the center aisle, maintaining six feet of physical space between you and non-family members. Please stretch out your arms at full length to receive, holding both hands palm up, then return down a side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If possible, please let an usher know in advance. Those who would like to receive a blessing instead may come to the rail and fold their arms across their chest.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP p. 333

*The People rise or remain seated in reverence, as the Spirit enables. The Presider, faces them and says*

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.

*People*         **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider*        Lift up your hearts.

*People*         **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*         **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Presider continues, including a Preface suitable to the day or liturgical season and concluding*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*All*              **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

*Presider*        Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

*People*         **Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People are invited to kneel. The Presider then continues with Jesus' Words of Institution at the Last Supper and an invocation of the Holy Spirit asking God to bless both the elements of Holy Communion and those present. The Presider concludes the Eucharistic Prayer as follows.*

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*All*              **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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and says*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Prayer of Humble Access

*BCP p. 337*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*The priest, or bishop if present, may bless the congregation. Then follows*

Dismissal

*BCP p. 340*

*Clergy* Let us go forth into the name of Christ.

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

*All are invited to gather in the Circle Drive for a brief time of fellowship.*

*Those who are fully vaccinated are welcome to remove their masks outside.*

*Assisting this morning:*

Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Edward E. Thompson

Presider

The Rev. Sabrina LaBelle

Reader

Bob Toland

Intercessor

Bob Toland

Altar Guild

Betsy Breakell, Suzanne West, Angela Cimino, Nancy Adams

***Please join in Session Five***

***of***

***“Spiritual Discernment in Community: A Short Course”***

***11:15am – 12:15 pm in the sanctuary***

***Led by the rector, (Fr.) Ted***

***On-site in the sanctuary, concurrent with the children’s education hour***

***On Zoom ([linked here](#) and on the [Trinity website](#))***

*Rector*

The Rev. Edward E. (“Ted”) Thompson, Ph.D.

*Associate Rector*

The Rev. Sabrina LaBelle

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