

## A St. Luke's Service of Spiritual Communion (Visual Holy Eucharist)

November 22, 2020 Christ the King Sunday

### Prelude Music

Hymn 435 stanzas 1-4 At the Name of Jesus *King's Weston*

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a Name  
From the lips of sinners, unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,  
Name with awe and wonder and with bated breath;  
He is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored.

Hymn 616 stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 5 Hail to the Lord's Anointed *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.

Hymn 494 Crown him with many crowns, verses 1, 2, 4 & 5 *Diademata*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;  
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began,  
and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man;  
who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign,  
who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,  
now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing  
their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King, to whom is given the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,  
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

## **The Word of God**

*A time of silent meditation with music*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.

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

*All* 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.

*Celebrant* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

*People* Have mercy on us.

*Celebrant* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

*People* Have mercy on us.

*Celebrant* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

*People* Have mercy on us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in Jesus Christ, the One who reigns in majesty: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under Christ's most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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## The Lessons

*The Old Testament is read*

### A reading from 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.

Here ends the reading.

*The Psalm is said by all*

### Psalm 100

- 1 May all lands be joyful before you, O God, \*  
serve you with gladness and come before your presence with a song.
- 2 For we know that you are God; \*  
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;  
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.
- 3 We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving, go into your courts with praise, \*  
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.
- 4 For you are good; your mercy is everlasting, \*  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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*The Epistle is read*

**A Reading from 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.

Here ends the reading.

*The Holy Gospel is read with this introduction and conclusion*

**The Gospel Mathew 25:31-46**

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*          Glory to you, O 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."

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of our Savior.

*People*          Praise to you, O Christ.

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

On this Christ the King Sunday, we affirm our faith by renewing our baptismal vows. Please join in the responses:

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* 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.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* 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.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of  
God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,  
loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,  
and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,  
keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Prayers of the People Form II**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Bishops, Sam and Anne; for this virtual gathering;  
and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry,  
the oppressed, those in prison, those connected to the  
Foster system and all on our parish prayer list.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God,  
or a deeper knowledge of God.  
Pray that they may find and be found by God.

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_].  
Pray for those who have died.  
I ask your prayers and thanksgivings...

Praise God in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to  
do your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

*All* 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.

*Celebrant* God, who is both power and love,  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Peace

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

*Peace, Salaam, Shalom*

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## The Holy Communion

*Celebrant* Do good, be rich in good works, generous and ready to share,  
thus store up for yourselves the treasures of a good foundation for the future,  
so that you may take hold of a life that really is life. *1 Tim 6:18-18 adapted*

*During this time of virtual worship, when we gather for communion it is a "spiritual communion."*

*As Episcopalians, we believe when we desire communion but we are not able to partake because of extreme circumstances, that all the benefits of Communion are received even though the Sacrament is not consumed with our mouths. (BCP 457)*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1*

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to our God.

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

*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one Body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with angels and archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

*All* Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of our God.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.  
You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards  
and show forth your bountiful grace.  
But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves;  
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.  
Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.  
Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said,  
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, 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 poured out 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:

*All* Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*Celebrant* Remembering his death and resurrection,  
we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us  
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Grant that we who share these gifts  
may be filled with the Holy Spirit  
and live as Christ’s Body in the world.  
Bring us into the everlasting heritage of all your children,  
that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name forever.  
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. AMEN

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

**Lord’s Prayer**

*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,  
    for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant*     The gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Act of Reception, said by all**

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly all members of St. Luke's, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death and resurrection, for the means of grace and hope of glory.

And particularly for the blessings given me... *[share your blessings]*,

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

*(from St. Augustine's Prayerbook, permission by Forward Movement.)*

### **A Time of Silent Reverence**

*A time of silence or meditative music*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*All*     Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us  
    in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food  
    in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
    Now send us forth, a people forgiven, healed, renewed;  
    that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue  
    in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **Blessing**

May God,  
    the Source of all life,  
    the Incarnate Word,  
    and the Holy Spirit,  
bless you, now and forever. Amen.

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Hymn 460 stanzas 1, 2,4 & 5 Alleluia, sing to Jesus *Hyfrydol*

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! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how;  
Through the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne;  
Thou with in the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

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

**Sermon**

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