

TRINITY

**The Last Sunday of Pentecost
Christ the King
November 22, 2020**

Welcome & Technical Info

The Rev. Dr. H. Roy Partridge, Jr.

Prelude

Nell Britton

Opening Hymn #657 “Love Divine all Loves Excelling”

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Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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 Collect of the Day

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.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Read by Tim Dunn

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: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people*

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 100

Read by Marie Aikins

- 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.

The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46
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."

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The Gospel of the Lord

People:

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily

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Prayers of the People
A New Zealand Prayer Book

Led by Michael Morin

The Leader and People pray responsively

Peoples responses in bold

Leader: Heavenly Father, You have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Bishop, Thomas, and all priests and deacons. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Portland and for the deacons of the Diocese of Maine. Father, enliven the Church and breathe fresh life into your people. **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

We pray for the world. Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace. **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

We pray for the community. God of Truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others and give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need, especially those listed *below.

Leader: please say the names of those who would benefit from our prayers.

(Unmute your microphone and name those people and concerns for whom we should pray. Then mute your microphone again.)

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. **May they know the power of your healing love.**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn. Especially (names).. We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory. **May their example inspire and encourage us.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries. Lord, hear our prayer... **And let our cry come to you.**

Leader: Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. **AMEN**

***Names on Prayer List**

Bev Richter, Evelyn Dunn, Amanda Louton, Virginia Vaillancourt, Maxine Gildred, Lois & Gail Butterfield, Jim Rhudy, Tammy-Beth Montgomery, Ellie, Tara and Mike Walters, Donna & Normand Lum, Barbara Robery, Cathy James, Mary Ann Butson, Max, Sarah & Ryan, Annabelle, Paula Berry, Mary McDonnell, Dorothy Lomas, Anne Powell, Kathy Stead, Susan Winslow, Kim Grey, Nancy W. Atkinson, Virginia Reid, Evelyn Thurston, Angelika & Abraham Schechter, Vicky Stevens, Carlla Potts, Roger Morin, and Clive and Pat Whitton.

The Lord's Prayer

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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 Blessing

Life is short,
And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.
So...be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever.

Amen.

The Closing Hymn #544 "Jesus shall Reign"

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Dismissal Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

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Announcements

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Please stay around for Zoom Coffee Hour