



# Christ the King/The Last Sunday after Pentecost

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Sunday, November 26, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Church of the Ascension. We are an inclusive community that respects the dignity of every human being. Therefore, whoever you are in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability and wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you and hope you will give us an opportunity to be your spiritual home. At this time, **masks are recommended but not mandatory for congregational singing**.

**T**he lit candle before the altar is “the Peace and Justice Candle.” It stands to proclaim our commitment against any kind of injustice, prejudice, or discrimination based on difference, and also our prayers for an end to war, violence, genocide, and gun violence.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

### PRELUDE

*My Lord, What a Morning!*  
Bailey Joy Myers, piano

Spiritual. Arr.: Cindy Berry

### PROCESSIONAL

#### HYMNAL 616

#### *Hail! to the Lord's Anointed*

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

1 Hail to the Lord's Anoint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

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

### 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.*

### SONG OF PRAISE

LEVAS 246

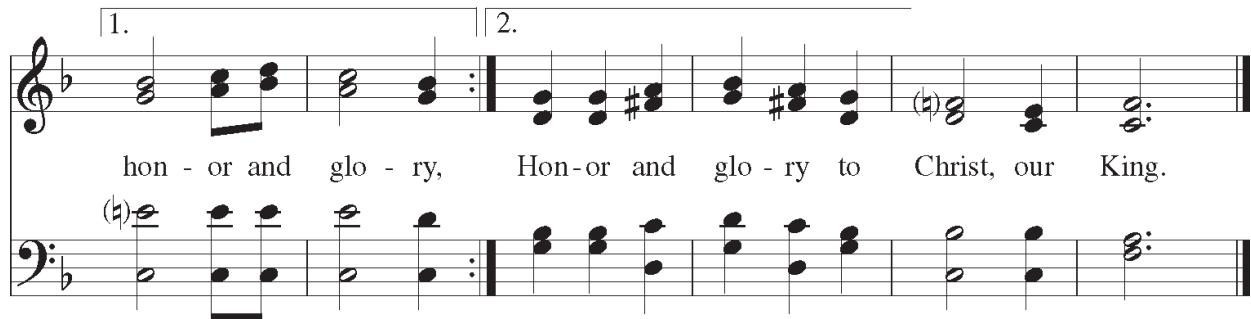
*Praise, Honor, and Glory*

Words & Music: Don Sasser

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*To be sung twice.*

Praise, praise, hon - or and glo - ry, Praise, praise,



## 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 FIRST LESSON

*Jennifer Woods, Lector*

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

*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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 100

**Liz Malone, Cantor**

Words and Music: Hal Hopson

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*Refrain: 1st time cantor, then all*



- 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with a song.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God, \*  
our maker to whom we belong;  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

***Refrain***

- 3 Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; \*  
give thanks and bless God's holy name.
- 4 Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting; \*  
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

***Refrain***

## SECOND LESSON

**Jennifer Woods, Lector**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

*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.

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

*To be sung twice.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! —

**THE GOSPEL****Matthew 25:31-46****Deacon** The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****SERMON****The Rev. Terri M. Murphy, Deacon***A moment of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.***THE NICENE CREED (STANDING)****358**

**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.*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM I    *Liz Malone, Intercessor*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples. We pray for congregations to participate in dismantling racism within their congregation and surrounding communities. We pray also for Christ Church, Chaptico; Christ Church, Clinton Parish; Christ Church, La Plata, Christ Church, Rockville, Christ Episcopal School, Rockville; Christ Church, Wayside; and Daughters of the King. In the Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Mariann, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and laity, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city of Silver Spring, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all the blessings of this life. We pray especially today for members of our parish Heather, Dan, Fiona, and Hannah Sisan; Andreas and Aurelia Smith and Jennifer Gibson; Jacki Smith; Martha and Bill Smith; Culdore Snell; and Joey and Paul Snow and Emily Clough. We especially pray in thanksgiving for the birthdays of Dean and Samuel Bonazelli (13), Elizabeth Bordley, Ariel ?, Annette Achille, Tracy Carson-Good, Chuck McCarter, Drew Snyder, Laurea Schattschneider, and David Todd.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. We especially pray today for **\*Faye ... Myrna ... \*Virginia ... Gwendolyn ... Tina ... Nentia ... Zhane ...**

**The Benjamin Family ... Ivy ... Clyde ... Damian ... Paul ... \*Bob<sup>1</sup> ... Emily ... Joré Yvonne ... Olivia ...**

**Janet ... Jessica D. ... \*Keith ... John ... Jocelyn and Family ... \*Sally ... Sean ... Zaca ...**

**Pat ... Tarri ... Geoff ... Elizabeth ... Ben ... Judy ... Jere ... Andrew ... \*Maggie ... Michael ...**

**The Ingwersol Family ... Andy ... Sarah<sup>1</sup> ... The Lively Family ... Charlene ... Kryss ...**

**The Lovell Family ... \*Chris ... \*Eva ... Malena ... Thelma M. ... Blair ... Kim ... Shirley ... Sarah<sup>2</sup> ...**

**Robin ... \*Carol ... Deanna ... \*Martha ... Ceil ... George ... \*Joyce ... The Tate Family ... \*Giselle ...**

**Marcie ... \*The Thomas Family ... \*Sarah<sup>3</sup> ... \*Helen ... Libby ... The Wilson Family ... and \*Jennifer.**

Let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for victims of gun violence and their grieving families and friends, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation. We pray especially for wars to cease, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Elizabeth K. Harris, mother of Margaret Chang, in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

I invite you now to offer your petitions and thanksgivings either aloud or the silence of your hearts.

*Silence*

**Celebrant concludes**

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 Lord. **Amen.**

*Deacon:*

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.*

*The Celebrant declares God's mercy and forgiveness.*

## THE PEACE

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

*People* And also with you.

## WELCOME AND BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Soon and Very Soon*

*The Chancel Choir* directed by Bailey Joy Myers

Words and Music: Andraé Crouch  
Choral Setting: Jack Schrader

## OFFERTORY HYMN

WLP 779

*The Church of Christ In Every Age*

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Music: Dunedin, Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)

*J = 60*

1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing  
 4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -  
 fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our  
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -

tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.  
 eat and nev - er live un - til they die.  
 fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man i - ty.  
 bread and feed the starv - ing mul ti - tude.  
 serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a ting word.

## OFFERTORY WORDS

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* And of thine own have we given thee.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARIST 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 God thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 AND BENEDICTUS

LEVAS 255

## *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Music: Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948),  
*A Mass for a Soulful People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

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

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

*The people stand or kneel.*

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 God and Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 he 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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 him. 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.

**By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

#### **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**



## FRACTION ANTHEM

LEVAS 270

*Lamb of God*

Music: Marjorie Landmark-DeLewis (1930-2017)

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.

## THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God, for you, the beloved people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, and died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*No matter where you are on your walk of faith, this is Christ's table and all are welcome to the Feast.  
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### *As We Gather At Your Table*

*Unison*

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

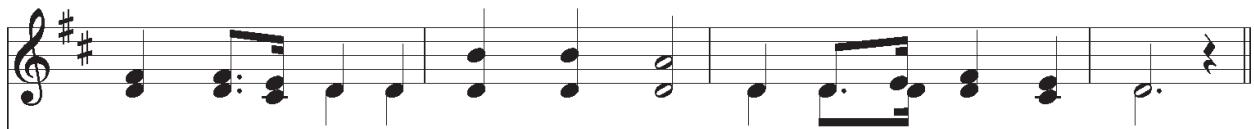
## LEVAS 31

*Lead Me to Calvary*

Words: Jennie Evelyn Hussey (1874-1958)  
 Music: William J. Kirkpatrick (1838-1921) © 1921



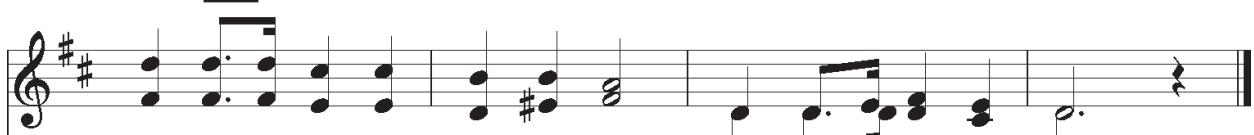
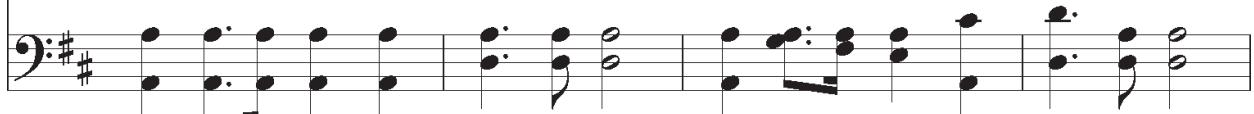
1. King of my life I crown thee now, Thine shall the glo - ry be;  
 2. Show me the tomb where thou wast laid, Ten - der - ly mourned and wept;  
 3. Let me, like Ma - ry, through the gloom, Come with a gift to thee;  
 4. May I be will - ing, Lord, to bear Dai - ly my cross for thee;



1. Lest I for - get thy thorn-crowned brow, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.  
 2. An - gels in robes of light ar - rayed Guard-ed thee whilst Thou slept.  
 3. Show to me now the emp - ty tomb, - Lead me to Cal - va - ry.  
 4. E - ven thy cup of grief to share - Thou hast borne all for me.



Lest I for - get Geth - sem - a - ne, Lest I for - get thine ag - o - ny.



Lest I for - get thy love for me, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.



## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

## PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD

HYMNAL 460

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

WORDS: WILLIAM CHATTERTON DIX (1837-1898)  
Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
\*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and

1 na - - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - - tim in the eu - - cha - ris - tic feast.

## POSTLUDE

### *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Tune: Diademata, George J. Elvey; Arr. Jeff Bennett

Bailey Myers, piano



The Flowers on the Altar are given by  
 Chuck McCarter and Kenn Derby,  
 to the Glory of God, and in thanksgiving  
 for family and friends.

*Special Thanks to Chris Chang and Astrocasters for helping make our live stream possible by providing our streaming server and cota.live site!*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS • NOVEMBER 26, 2023



## *Men's Monthly Breakfast Saturday, December 2 • 8 am.*

Meeting in the Parish Hall for an hour or so of coffee cake, fruit, coffee, and a check-in. All men welcome. Bring something yummy to share.



## *Save the Date! Ascension's Annual Holiday Brass Concert Saturday, December 2nd! • 7 p.m.*



In person and live-streamed at

<https://paybee.io/vevent.html?eventId=654bc1fd84ccf69e32e39c17>

Free will offering with all proceeds going to Ascension's ministry for the homeless.

Reception of Christmas cookies, mulled wine, and hot apple cider to follow!

## *A Celtic Christmas Concert with KA/PO—Karen Ashbrook & Paul Oorts, Andrea Hoag, and Eileen Estes Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary*

From distant shores, holiday music on sparkling strings, haunting vocals, cheery accordion & lively fiddle: celebrate the season with our all-star quartet's Celtic Christmas Program! Presented by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington. Suggested Donation in advance: \$20 Adults; \$10 Under 18 at [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org)

Tickets also available at the door, suggested donation \$25



KA/PO (Karen Ashbrook and Paul Oorts)  
Eileen Estes, Andrea Hoag



## **Small Group Gatherings**



Jesus's ministry began by bringing twelve people from all walks of life together to form a community. They walked and talked together, ate together, shared and supported one another. They were in effect the first small group and a model for building last bonds within the church community.

If you are interested in engaging with old and new friends at Ascension through fellowship, thoughtful discourse, and fun then joining a small group is for you! Meeting once a month at homes or out in the community, these groups will offer ways to engage in life together.

### **What can you expect?**

Every small group can organize themselves in ways that best fit the group. It could be meeting in a member's home for snacks or a potluck meal and fellowship, meeting at a local restaurant or pub for time together, sharing lunch at Ascension House – there are no prescribed rules to how and when each group chooses to meet.

Each month will have a theme and materials that can be used as a resource and guide, but each group can decide what best meets the needs of its members.

If you are interested in learning more about small groups, please email **Amy Branson** at [amyelizabethbranson@gmail.com](mailto:amyelizabethbranson@gmail.com) for more information or add your name to the sign-up poster on the bulletin board!

# Christmas Flowers 2023



*This is an opportunity to remember those you love and to contribute to the Christmas decorations in the church.*

Your name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of

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In thanksgiving for

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***A \$25 contribution is requested.***

*More than one person/family may contribute as a unit.*

*Please return this form with a check or cash, by putting it in the offering plate or sending it to the church office no later than **Monday, December 18**. Thank you.*

## **DONATE TOYS FOR CHILDREN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**



We are doing our annual toy drive for children served by the Silver Spring Help organization. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy (for any age child) and put it in one of the large gift boxes in the Gathering Space. We'll take the donated toys each week between now and December 17th. There will also be a box for new socks, underwear and t-shirts for men of Progress Place, and a small box for stamped Christmas cards. The boxes will be near the windows of the gathering area for all of advent.

For more information contact **Hunter Howe 301-445-0540**.

# Mustard Seed Ministry Opportunities

## November 2023



Ascension's Mustard Seed Ministry offers simple moments of ministry that are easy to complete, often from the comfort of your own home. Don't know what to do to combat the hate and need you see all around you? Choose one or more of the Mustard Seed opportunities below!

- **Yard work and gardening help** needed around the church, Contact Leticia Read at [leticiatr@verizon.net](mailto:leticiatr@verizon.net)
- **Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind**, located on Georgia Ave., Silver Spring is seeking volunteers who will help the visually impaired with a variety of tasks. For more info, contact Jocelyn Hunter at [jhunter@clb.org](mailto:jhunter@clb.org) or call 301-589-0894.
- **Tommy's Pantry**, volunteer to help at Ascension on Saturdays to prep and distribute food to needy neighbors. For more info contact [tommyspantry.org](http://tommyspantry.org) or Libbie Griffin [libbiegriffin@gmail.com](mailto:libbiegriffin@gmail.com)
- **Casserole Ministry**. Shepherd's Table asks that rather than making a casserole for Shepherd's Table, you donate the cost of making one (\$10), to Shepherd's Table. Please let Carol Schwobel know of your donation. [Cjs\\_skye@hotmail.com](mailto:Cjs_skye@hotmail.com)
- **Drop off a \$10.00 Giant or Safeway food cards** at services or in the mail slot in Ascension House. We are also seeking Starbucks and Panera cards, as well. Or make a donation to the deacon's discretionary fund to help support our street ministry.
- **Join a street ministry team!** We are looking for people to join our team especially for the every other Wednesday patrol. On the first and third Wednesdays of the month, they go out from 10-11 p.m. to distribute gift cards to the homeless in the area.
- **Diaper Ministry** to benefit Greater DC Diaper Bank and Silver Spring/Takoma Park Mutual Aid. Please drop off diapers and wipes at Church on Sunday mornings. For more info contact Laura Schattschneider at [les291@nyu.edu](mailto:les291@nyu.edu); Drew Snyder at [drewsnyder@pobox.com](mailto:drewsnyder@pobox.com)
- Want to help a child stay in school in Ecuador? The cost is a minimal \$22/month. Joan and I worked with these people when we were there, and every penny goes to the child's educational costs. To donate to Education = Hope, go to [educationequalshope.org/ecuador.html](http://educationequalshope.org/ecuador.html)

### *In October we donated:*

Homeless Ministry: distributed \$1600 in grocery gift cards last month

Shepherds Table donations for October: \$473.

Total diaper ministry donations for October; We donated 1542 diapers, about 252 oz of formula, and 1095 wipes September 15-October 15.

## Serving Today

Sunday, November 26, 2023

### Last Sunday after Pentecost/Christ the King

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector

Preacher: The Rev. Terri Murphy, Deacon

Sunday Warden: Anne LeVeque

Altar Guild: Kate Rohrbaugh, Leona Cosby, Denise Franklin, and Nathan Franklin

8:00 AM Service

Lector: Jocelyn Lindsay

LEM: Fred Paul

10:00 AM Service

Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Myers

Lector: Jennifer Woods

Intercessor: Sam Sussman

LEMs: Alice Kunce and Buck Buckingham

Ushers & Greeters: Chuck McCarter and Jacki Smith

Live-Stream Team: Libbie Griffin & Matias Scott

## Serving Next Week

Sunday, December 3, 2023

### First Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector

Preacher: Buck Buckingham

The Rev. Terri Murphy, Deacon

Sunday Warden: Joe Simpich

Altar Guild: Hunter Howe, Jeanette Witter, Deborah Percell, and Mary Beth Flournoy

8:00 AM Service

Lector: Morna Holden

LEM: Morna Holden

10:00 AM Service

Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Myers

Lector: Jacki Smith

Intercessor: Liz Malone

LEMs: Gloria Hunt and Buck Buckingham

Ushers & Greeters: Jacki Smith and Bob Jacobs

Live-Stream Team: Barb Menard and Heidi Clark

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## THE VESTRY OF ASCENSION

- Chris Parker Hunt ('25), Senior Warden • Leticia Read ('26), Junior Warden
  - Karen MacPherson ('25), Secretary
- Jane Alperson ('26) • Theo Emery ('24) • Denise Franklin ('25)
  - Anne LeVeque ('24) • Chuck McCarter ('24)
  - Joe Simpich ('25) • Joan Thomas ('24)
- Leona Cosby – Treasurer • Fred Paul – Assistant Treasurer  
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To submit a prayer request or  
add birthdays, anniversaries, and other thanksgivings  
to the Sunday prayer list please email:  
Jennifer Woods, [knitpick@mac.com](mailto:knitpick@mac.com) and  
The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, [revdrjeb@comcast.net](mailto:revdrjeb@comcast.net)



For peace and an end to violence and terrorism everywhere.

## Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Heather, Dan, Fiona, and Hannah Sisan

Andreas and Aurelia Smith and Jennifer Gibson

Jacki Smith

Martha and Bill Smith

Culdore Snell

Joey and Paul Snow and Emily Clough

For those celebrating birthdays:

November 26: Dean and Samuel Bonazelli (13),

Elizabeth Bordley

November 27: Annette Achille, Tracy Carson-Good

November 29: Chuck McCarter, Drew Snyder

November 30: Laurea Schattschneider

December 2: David Todd

In our Diocese:

We pray for congregations to participate in dismantling racism  
within their congregation and surrounding communities.

Christ Church, Chaptico

Christ Church, Clinton Parish

Christ Church, La Plata

Christ Church, Rockville

Christ Episcopal School, Rockville

Christ Church, Wayside

Daughters of the King

In the Anglican Communion:

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

For those with HIV/AIDS everywhere, but especially in Africa.

In the World:

All with the COVID-19 virus and all who have died.

For people in need of healing

(\*indicates a member of the parish; italics, new this week):

\*Faye Adams, Myrna Ajavon, \*Virginia Allen,

Gwendolyn Alexander, Tina Arnold, Nentia B.,

Zhane Belmontes, The Benjamin Family, *Ivy Brasstter*,

Clyde Brewster, Damian Brewster, Paul Broussard, \*Bob Brown,

Emily Cedrone, Joré Yvonne Chumbley, Olivia D.,

Janet Duncan, Jessica D., \*Keith Ecker, John Eliot,

Jocelyn Elwell and Family, \*Sally Feder, Sean Fitzsimmons,

Zacal Frazer, Pat Grant, Tarri Gregory, Geoff Grub,

Elizabeth Haines, Judy Haveman, Ben Heffer, Jere Herzenberg,

Andrew Hill, \*Maggie Howard, Michael Hurney,

The Ingersol Family, Andy Jury, Sarah Lawrence,

The Lively Family, Charlene Locavaro, Kriss Locavaro,

The Lovell Family, \*Chris Lewellyn, \*Eva McBurrough,

Malena Martella, Thelma M., Blair Morgan, Kim Phan,

Shirley R., Sarah Ramjattan, Robin Schueneman,

\*Carol Schwobel, Deanna Scott, \*Martha Smith, Ceil Snyder,

George Stephens, \*Joyce Sterling, The Tate Family,

\*Giselle Thomas, Marcie Thomas, \*The Thomas Family,

\*Sarah Townsend, \*Helen Van Doren, \*Libby Williams,

The Wilson Family, \*Jennifer Woods

For those who have died:

Elizabeth K. Harris, mother of Margaret Chang

Please take the Prayer List home for use in daily prayers.