Saint Nicholas
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Reverend Bob Farrow, Priest in Charge
Kevin Anderson, Music Director

Christ the King
The Last Sunday After Pentecost

November 22, 2026

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Please be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is a house of prayer for all people.

PRELUDE

All stand as able and sing.

PROCESSIONAL | Hymnal 377

All people that on earth do dwell
Old 100th

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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.**


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 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**.

Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT | Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Lector: A reading from the Prophet 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.

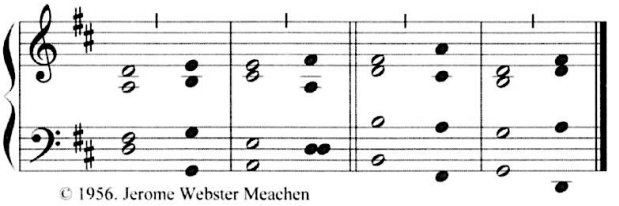
Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and 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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM | Psalm 95:1-7a

The Psalm will be chanted by Kevin Anderson. You're welcome to join in. If you don't read music, the note changes on the italicized words.



1 Come, let us sing to the *Lord*; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our *salvation*.

2 Let us come before his presence with *thanksgiving* * and raise a loud shout to him with *psalms*.

3 For the Lord is a great *God*, * and a great King above all *gods*.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the *earth*, * and the heights of the hills are his *also*.

5 The sea is his, for he made *it*, * and his hands have molded the dry *land*.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the *knee*, * and kneel before the Lord our *Maker*.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his *hand*.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE | Ephesians 1:15-23

Lector: A reading from the letter 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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN | Hymnal 383

Fairest Lord Jesus
St. Elizabeth

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 25:31-46

Celebrant: 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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated for the sermon.

THE SERMON Rev. Bob Farrow

All stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

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
for the Sunday of Christ the King

From *Planning for Rites & Rituals: A Resource for Episcopal Worship (Year A)*

Please kneel or stand as you are able. The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with a song. Let us pray together, saying, "We give you thanks, O Lord; and call upon your Name."

Christ the King, you have been made head over all things for the Church; may we worthily live as your body in our world. Word your great power in and through us. We give you thanks, O Lord;

And call upon your Name.

Christ the King, you gather all the nations of the world to yourself; bless the world's suffering with your everlasting mercy. May the oppressed be fed with your justice. We give you thanks, O Lord;

And call upon your Name.

Christ the King, it is from your hand that all are fed: Inspire righteousness in all people that the hungry may be fed and the thirsty given clean water to drink. We give you thanks, O Lord;

And call upon your Name.

Christ the King, you care for those in prison: Give us hearts for all those who are incarcerated. Where there is crime and violence in our city, offer your peace. We give you thanks, O Lord;

And call upon your Name.

Deliver the members of our diocesan family currently held in immigration detention and their families, and for the children held in detention across our nation. We pray for their release and for the restoration of humane and ethical immigration enforcement. We give you thanks, O Lord;

And call upon your Name.

Christ the King, you are good: We pray you seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak. Especially we lift up Bailey, Dick, Ken, Tommy, Katherine, David, and Hollis. We give you thanks, O Lord;

And call upon your Name.

Christ the King, your faithfulness endures from age to age: May all your saints, at work and at rest, know the hope to which you have called us and the riches of your glorious inheritance. We give you thanks, O Lord;

And call upon your Name.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Together

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.

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

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

HOLY COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

STEWARDSHIP STORY Kathy Ingram McMurtry

OFFERTORY HYMN | Booklet 27 I'll Fly Away

THE DOXOLOGY | *Old 100th*

Please stand as you are able for the presentation of the offering.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

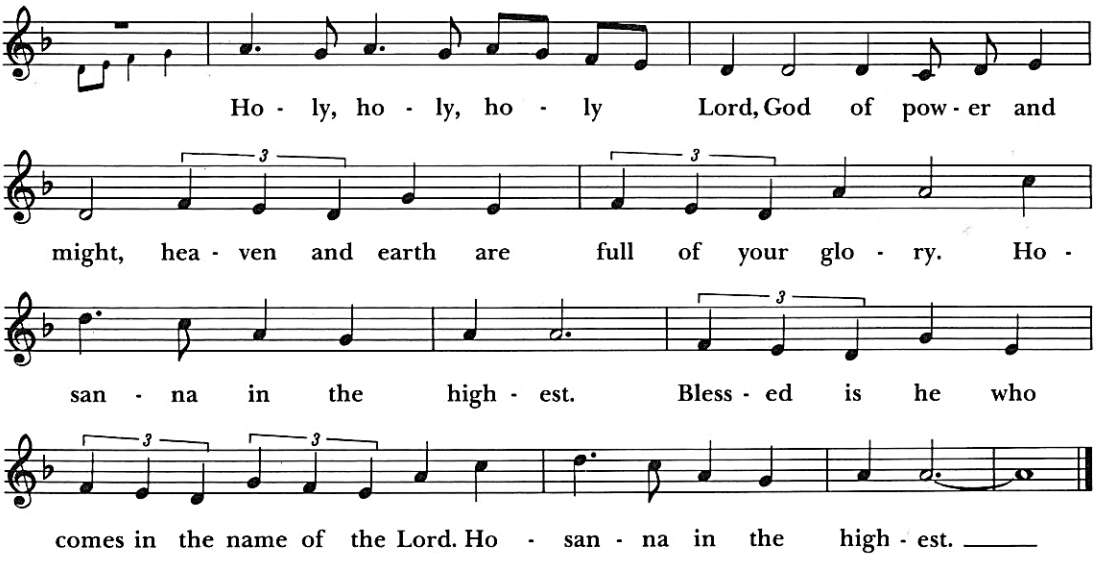
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

> Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 | Holy, holy, holy Lord



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The people stand or kneel as able.

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:

Together
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.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

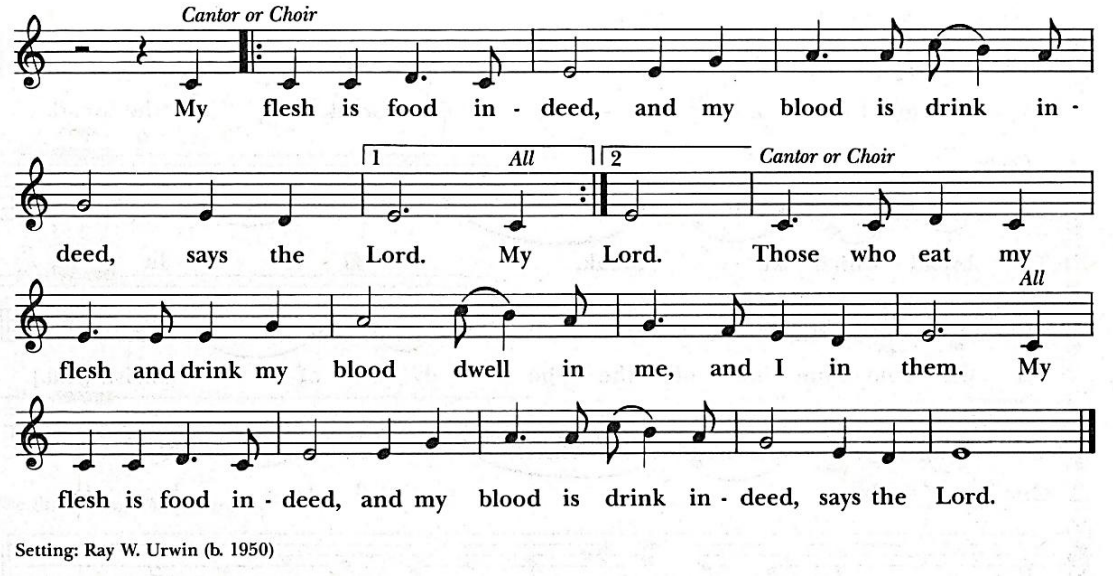
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

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

FRACTION ANTHEM Hymnal S 169



THE SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

Celebrant:

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

All people are invited to receive Communion. The ushers will come stand by your pew, at which time you may go kneel or stand at the railing. If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you have mobility challenges and need communion brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION HYMN | When the poor ones

The hymn will be performed by Kevin Anderson.

BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

RECESSIONAL | Hymnal 544 — Jesus shall reign whe'er the sun *Duke Street*

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Room, to the left as you exit the nave.

St. Nicholas' mission is to actively share Christ's love for all people.

Our vision is to strive to be a welcoming community who worships a caring and merciful God, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for Bailey Brown, Dick Wood, Ken Crew, Tommy Goodman, Katherine Johnson, David Mullins, and Hollis Hale. Continuing prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Hudson Garrett, Nonie Bueche, and Mary Butcher.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster

VESTRY

Drucye Cox, *Senior Warden*
Linda Pace, *Junior Warden*
Sheri Cody, Kathy McMurtry, and Steve Morse
Alex Garrett, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Jim Gilliam, *Treasurer*

SERVING THIS WEEK

Lector: Sheri Cody
Usher: Sheri Cody
Virtual Minister: Drucye Cox
Eucharistic Minister: Martha Dimon
Crucifer: Riley-Anne Johnson
Flowers: Beth Brown

UPCOMING

TODAY:	Vestry meets after the service
NOV 29:	Deadline for Harris County Christmas Gift drop-off
	Stewardship Campaign Wrap-up
	Adult Forum: Advent 1
	Walking With the Word Begins!
	Trim the Christmas Tree after the service

This year's **Stewardship campaign** is in full swing. Pledge cards are available on the website or in the narthex, if you haven't received your packet yet. And go ahead

and turn those pledge cards in – Erin will tuck them away and bring them back out to be blessed on November 29, so there's no need to wait.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY: Beginning November 29, 2026, the United Methodists, Evangelical Lutherans, and Episcopalians in Georgia will read the Bible together in one year. Father Bob is planning an Adult Forum each month to support our reading. The Reading Guide is at walkingwiththewordga.org/resources or let Erin know if you'd like a printed copy.

It's used shoe collection time again! Now through the end of January, St. Nicholas will again participate in Keep Columbus Beautiful's Shoe Recycling drive. Bring any kind of shoes you're ready to get rid of. Rubberbanding them together is helpful, but condition does not matter. Those that can be worn will be sent to those who can use them; those that can't will be recycled – either way, they stay out of the landfill! Use the bin in the narthex.

Advent Readers Needed: The First Sunday in Advent is November 29. We'd love for you and members of your family to read the traditional short verses and light the Advent wreath at the beginning of the services. This is perfect for anyone with kids or grandkids visiting in Advent. Please contact Erin if you're willing and able.

SHARE! Social media, as you may know, can tend to become a bubble – meaning, you only see the things you already know you want to see. How can you help St. Nicholas's Facebook page break out of that bubble? By sharing St. Nicholas news and events to your personal Facebook feed. If we're doing something you think your family or friends might be interested in, hit "share" and spread the news!

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