

# Grace Church Brooklyn Heights

## Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King  
November 22th, 2020 11 a.m.

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**PRELUDE**

*Gloria in Excelsis*

François Couperin

**HYMN 494**

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

#### KYRIE ELEISON

*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.

*People* **Christ have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.

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

*Reader* A reading from the Book of 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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

## **PSALM 95:1-7** *Sung to hymn S-35* (The Hymnal 1982)

- 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.

## THE SECOND LESSON *Ephesians 1:15-23*

*Reader* 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.

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

## HYMN 483 *The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns*

## THE HOLY 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.”

*Deacon*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*     **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**   The Reverend Erika K. Meyer

### **THE NICENE CREED**

*Celebrant and People*

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

Let us offer prayers for God's people in every place, saying: **Hear our prayer.**

For the Church, and especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Lawrence, our bishop: that in all times and places we may bear witness to God's reign of justice, love, and peace; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For this parish family at the Thanksgiving holiday: In unending thanks and praise to God who is the source of the many blessings in our lives, we pray that God will deepen our generosity and mercy to all who suffer or are in need; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For strong faith: that, in times of chaos and confusion, we may be confident that Christ will defeat all evils, including death, and lead us to fullness of life; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all elected officials: that they may follow the example of Jesus, who served those in need and reached out to those who were forgotten; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For reconciliation in these divided times: that we may find Christ in all people—allies and opponents alike—and that we may leave judgment to the Lord; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For healthcare workers, hospital administrators, local health officials and all who are working together to contain the COVID19 pandemic: that God may give them the strength and resources they need to heal the many who are suffering, and to protect the vulnerable; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For those who are homeless, hungry or alone, that God will make his loving presence known to them, especially through the actions of others. For all who suffer from COVID 19, and for those for whom prayers have been requested, especially

Lawrence; John; Elaine; David; Ron & Betsy; Karen; Ginny; Sohee; Donald; Elizabeth; Karl B.; Aryiro & Eric & family: that God will heal them, give strength to those who care for them, and preserve the human family from suffering and death; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

At this time, you may offer to God any other petitions, or any thanksgivings for His many blessings ...; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, especially, Donald Hutchinson, and Nancy Duple: that they may rest in God's loving arms. We also pray God's consolation for those who mourn; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who are present, and for all who worship with us from their homes today on this last Sunday in Pentecost, the close of the church year: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ may give us all a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may grow in our knowledge of the hope to which he has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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* 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.**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**AT THE OFFERTORY, A SOLO** *A Gaelic Blessing*

John Rutter

Patricia Magnuson, soloist

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**THE DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 380, verse 3)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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 S-125 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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:

*Celebrant and People* **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.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**AT THE COMMUNION, A SOLO** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* Eric H. Thiman  
Patricia Magnuson, soloist





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