

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer: Rite Two



## Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2020

*The following text has been taken from the Book of Common Prayer page 75ff.*

***Processional Hymn***

***O for a thousand tongues to sing (Asmon) H# 493***

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture.*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalms 122:1*

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

*The following Confession of Sin may then be said*

**Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

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 Officiant remains kneeling and says,*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

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.*

*Except in Lent, add* Alleluia.

### The Lessons

*The people sit and the Lector says*

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

*After the Reading, the Lector may say*

The Word of the Lord.

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

*or the Lector may say*

Here ends the Reading.

*Silence may follow*

*A Psalm follows the first Reading.*

*At the conclusion of the Psalm, all respond with the Gloria Patria saying:*

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 Lector continues with the second lesson saying  
A Reading from Ephesians 1:15-23.*

*After the Reading, the Lector will say*  
The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

***Gospel Hymn***  
***Rejoice the Lord is King (Gopsal) H# 481***

*The first half of the Gospel Hymn is sung before the Gospel reading, and the second half is sung after the Gospel reading.*

*All standing, the Officiant reads the Gospel, first saying:*  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**  
*After the Gospel, Officiant says*  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Sermon*  
***The Right Reverend Dr. George Sumner***

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

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

## The Prayers

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant 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.

*Then follows Suffrage A*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome

by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*This prayer for mission is then added*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*Announcements*

***Offertory Hymn***

***Alleluia Sing to Jesus (Hyfrydol) H# 460***

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

***Recessional Hymn***

***Crown Him with Many Crowns (Diademata) H# 494***

*The Officiant may then conclude with the following*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

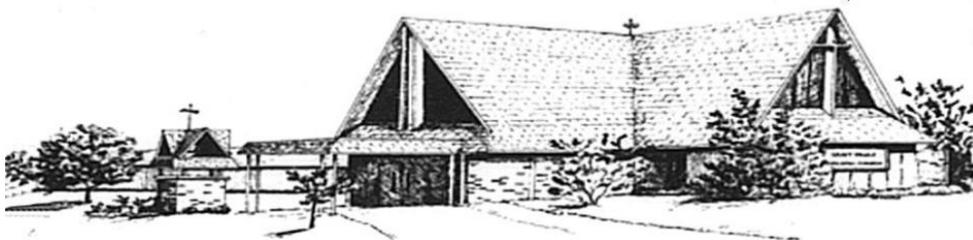
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## ***Morsel for Meditation***

The courage to die for their beliefs is given only to those who have had the courage to live for them. The final victory over their terror of pain and physical death is the last of a thousand victories and defeats in the war which is fought daily and hourly in the human mind and soul: the war in the overcoming of self. Dissected and examined in detail this is a most unglamorous battle and to the outsider seems absurd; but it is the constant denying of the natural human urge to stay in bed longer than necessary, to eat or drink more than is justifiable, to be intolerant of the stupid, and to accumulate more than a fair share of this world's goods, that makes possible the gradual freeing of the human spirit.

Sheila Cassidy, *Audacity to Believe* (Collins World, 1978), 300.

## ***Stewardship Today***

From Paul in his first letter to the church at Corinth: "For we are God's fellow workers..." (1. Cor. 3:9). Elsewhere, Paul mentions that we are "working together with him..." (2 Cor. 6:1). God is at work in your life and around the world, and you have the privilege of participating in his work. Stewardship is the time to think about what you can give back with thanksgiving; the many blessings God has given you.

Jennifer Faunce  
Stewardship Committee

**November 15**

Offering: \$1,219.25

Attendance: 15

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## **November Vestry Highlights**

At Tuesday's Vestry Meeting the Vestry:

- Decided to send parishioners cards to encourage returning to Sunday worship.
- Heard that the Sunday's worship (11/22) will be in the breezeway and be Morning Prayer with a pre-recorded sermon by Bishop Sumner.
- Heard that Stewardship Pledge Cards are due this Sunday (11/22).
- Heard that next Sunday's worship (11/29) will be back inside the church with, God willing, Fr. Nick preaching and celebrating.
- Heard that Greenville's Community Thanksgiving service has been cancelled due to the rise in COVID-19 cases (especially involving local pastors).
- Heard that St. Paul's Advent Program will be Ravi Zacharias' "Jesus among other gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message." The three sessions will be on Thursday evening beginning with dinner on Thursday 12/3 at 6:00 pm.
- Heard that background checks are underway for Vestry members.
- Heard some of the details of the trial of Bishop Love (Diocese of Albany) as reflected upon by the Bishop of Springfield, Dan Martins (<https://livingchurch.org/covenant/2020/11/12/on-bishop-love/>).
- Heard that at the Diocesan Convention on November 7th that parish assessments will be reduced by 1%, and there will be no assessment due in January 2021.
- Heard that despite St. Joseph Guild being on virus hiatus, the tasks of cleaning and ongoing repair of the church and school continue unabated.
- Heard that the Roof Repair Fund stands at \$34,660.
- Decided to continue the tradition of giving the school staff and teachers a Christmas ham.
- Heard that Jennifer Faunce has resigned as the School Administrator.
- Heard proposed Bylaw changes concerning the Special Vestry meeting that follows the Annual meeting.
- Heard that regular income for October was \$7,119.49, and the expenses were \$16,146.08, making October a loss of \$9,026.59.



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