

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (EPISCOPAL)



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 22, 2020 AT 8:00 AM ON ZOOM

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Prelude

“March for a festival”

David N. Johnson

Opening Acclamation

The words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

The Invitatory and Psalter

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

Alleluia.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore him.**

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

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

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

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

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

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

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

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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Anthem

“Jesus shall reign”

Rachel Aarons, arr.

Jesus shall reign wherever the sun Does its successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore. Till moons shall wax and wane no more. To him shall endless prayer be made, And praises throng to crown his head. His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice. People and realms of every tongue Dwell on his love with sweetest song. And infant voices shall proclaim Their

early blessings on his name. Blessings abound wherever he reigns: The prisoners leap to lose their chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest. Let every creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King, Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen. –Isaac Watts

Psalm 95:1-7a Venite, exultemus

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The First Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23

A Reading from the first letter of Paul the Apostle to the church in Ephesus.

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.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle: A Song to the Lamb

Dignus es Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power are yours by right, O Lord our God, For you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your blood you have redeemed for God, From every family, language, people, and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, for ever and for evermore.

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.

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; crown

crown him to whom is given, the won - drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given, the won - drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crown, for he is King of all.

The Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord Christ

Canticle #16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 Sermon

Pastor Mike

Musical Reflection Solo

“Let all the world in every corner sing”

Stephan Casurella

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, God's praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out. But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
–George Herbert

The Apostles' Creed

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 Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Our Father...

Suffrages

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 with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

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.**

The Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Litany for the Renewal of the Church

Let us pray to the Lord and Giver of life that the Church of God may be renewed and strengthened for its mission in our day.

Silence

That the Church may become alive again with the fire of its first charity, fearless of danger and reckless unto death, in the splendor of that Life which is the light of the world, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That the Church may be worthy of its liberty, persistent in reform, active in benevolence, trusting the people, and ever faithful to the Jerusalem which is above, and free, and the mother of us all, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That the old may dream dreams, and the young see visions; that its sons and daughters may prophesy, bearing eager witness of its beauty to the world, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That all its members, putting self aside, disinterested and pure in heart, may seek and find God, and rejoice in the truth, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That its clergy may be good and wise, strong and courageous, competent in their work, and faithful in their witness, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That its bishops, full of insight and imagination, may venture great things, not exercising dominion, but serving as true leaders of the people, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That its churches, councils and conventions may be keen to go forward, filled with wisdom, eager to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That its scholars may have disciples, its prophets hearers, its saints imitators, and all its pioneers be anxious to follow in their steps, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

That we may forsake that love of party which keeps us from loving one another; and so, coming together in friendship, we may find the overpowering love of God, which shall knit us all together in one united Church, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

And, finally, that the Church, with love recovered in its midst, may teach all to love one another, and all the nations to dwell together in helpfulness and friendship, reconciled and redeemed, **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

Father, be with us all. Christ, be with us all. Holy Spirit, be with us all. **Be with us, Holy God, now and evermore.**

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain the ministers of this congregation, lay and ordained, that they may faithfully follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, proclaiming in word and deed the good news of the kingdom; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

For Healing and Special Concerns

Diane Adams	Ann Dadak	Charles Freiburger	Sandra Long	Aimee Pelletier
Bob Adolt	Henry Dailey	Kirt Gillum	SHM	Kathie Russeau
Jan & Jerry Armstrong	Charlotte Davis	Maureen Haak	Nancy Martin	Samantha Russeau
Lori Azevedo	Thomas Dorgan	Joan Hout	Claire McGraw	Kate Schaller
Wesley Barrett	Jennifer Duff	Wendy Huckins	Elissa Morin	Don Shepard
Louise Bessler	Roxanne Dwyer	Marie Hurley	Craig Morton	Cody Sleeper
Bob Bloemer	Debbie Eckers	Evelyn Jensen	Susan Nadeau	Jeff Snow
Paige Bourassa	Kathy Eckles	Jimmy & Peggy Kantargis	Teiyana Nolan	Phil Temple
Margaret Sheehan Brown	John Epstein	Meredith King	Michelle Normandin	Donna Voveris
Rose Emma Caisse	Charlotte Flint	Pauline Lawrence	Ella Ogonowski	Chris Walsh
Paul Cormier	Helen Francini	Dawn Marie Long	Tina Terry Peel	John Waugh
				Edi-Lu Wartella

Altar Remembrance is given in loving memory of **Ed Wehner, and Peg and Dick Foote** by Peg Wehner.

An Altar Remembrance is given in thanksgiving of **The Church of the Good Shepherd** by Richard Tetreault.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with You.

The Announcements

The General Thanksgiving

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.

The Closing Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13

Postlude

“St George’s, Windsor”

Andrew Gant

Assisting in this Service as Readers: Chris Chadbourne, Susan Nutting, Sarah Patton.

THE PARISH NOTICES

Please Note: The Office will be closed **Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th**, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thank you to the members of this morning's quartet of singers: Wayne Blair, April Duncan, Don Fluckinger, Cindy Hayes.

A Pledge Drive Like No Other: Pledge card packages were mailed to parishioners' homes. There are several ways for you to return the information: 1) Mail the pledge card to church in the enclosed envelope; 2) You can bring the pledge card to communion with you on Sunday; 3) Call or email the church office and indicate your pledge for next year. We need pledges returned so we can create our budget for next year. Thank you to all that have already returned your pledge cards. We have collected a total of 50 cards pledging a total of \$116,004. Our goal is to raise \$425,000.

Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter Questionnaire: In continuing with CGS's commitment to service in our community, we are excited to be working closely with Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter as they prepare to open their expanded shelter next door in 2021. If you would be interested in volunteering once it opens or exploring ways to serve your community sooner than that, please fill out this survey and we will be in contact with you. Click on this link to access the Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PVMKH8L>

CGS' Front Door Agency Outreach Committee's- Adopt a Child for Christmas: The annual CGS Adopt a Child Christmas sign up begins **Sunday, November 22nd**. Parishioners will have the opportunity to adopt a child in need from the Norwell House this Holy Season. Due to COVID-19, sign up will be handled differently. Please sign up on the link below for the age and gender for the child you would like to adopt. Once you have chosen a child, a personal email will be sent to you with the child's name and wish list. Directions for drop off will also be included in the email. As always, thank you for your support and continued generosity. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44afae2aa3fa7-adopt>

Various Worship Sign-Ups: Parishioners wishing to receive communion outside are welcome to come to the church immediately following the 10:30 am service, which requires a sign up. To sign up click on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4CAFAF29AAFB6-sunday>. **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am**, there will be In-person **Morning Prayer**. To sign up for the Tuesday Morning Prayer click on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4CAFAF29AAFB6-tuesday>. **Wednesday mornings starting at 9:30 am** there will be time for **Private In-person prayer** in the church. To sign up for the Wednesday morning Private Prayer click on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4CAFAF29AAFB6-wednesday1>. Or you may call the Office, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 2 pm to sign up as well.

Sunday Worship via Zoom Link: Sunday Mornings at 8:00 am. & 10:30 am. Here is the link to join in each week:

Topic: Sunday Worship Online

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92625169665> Meeting ID: 926 2516 9665

Sunday Adult Forum: Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am. The topic this Sunday is "Giving Thanks: How to be a good Steward". Here is the link to join in each week:

Topic: Sunday Adult Forum

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96730301609> Meeting ID: 967 3030 1609

Book Discussion Group: Tuesdays, 4:00 pm. Please join Deacon Nancy on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. for a discussion group focused on racism and our Christian vows. The first book will be Castle by Isabel Wilkerson. Participants are asked to get the book and begin reading. Any questions please email Nancy at: nrmeyer711@gmail.com. Here is the link to join in each week:

Topic: CGS Adult Ed Racism Book Group

Time: Tuesdays 4:00 pm -5:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84991362569> Meeting ID: 849 9136 2569

Midweek Coffee & Conversation: Please join Pastor Mike & Pastor Greg on Wednesday Mornings at 10:00am for Mid-week Fellowship. Here is the link to join in each week:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96168342581> Meeting ID: 961 6834 2581

Thursday Evening Christian Formation: This Advent, join us for “Setting the Stage: The Prologues of Matthew, Luke, and John.” We will be studying the opening chapters of the Gospels as we set the stage for Christ’s arrival at Christmas. Thursdays from 6:30pm on Zoom. Here is the zoom link to join in each week:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92725342575?pwd=MIhLSkpDdnBiNTIld21jQ1lxS004Zz09>

Meeting ID: 927 2534 2575 Passcode: 383726

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Deacon	The Rev. Nancy Meyer
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