



CHRIST CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

EPISCOPAL PARISH AND SCHOOL, PARADISE VALLEY

KNOW CHRIST, LOVE CHRIST, SERVE CHRIST

Christ the King Sunday - Rite II Morning Prayer, Year A

22 November, 2020

Online Morning Prayer Service - 9:00 am

Prelude Lift high the cross Sydney Hugo Nelson

Hymn At the name of Jesus (stanzas 1-3) **Hymnal 435**

The Acclamation

Celebrant

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

All - *Isaiah 40:3*

Amen.

Celebrant

All Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths 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 forever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Gloria **Hymnal 377**

Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo* **BCP p. 729**

Reader 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant 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.

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

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Daniel P. Richards

All 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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 Prayers

Celebrant **Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;**

All **That we all may be one.**

**We remember today the Church of Bermuda, an
Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury,
and The Right Reverend Nicholas Dill, the Bishop
of Bermuda. In our Diocese we remember the
Church of the Apostles in Oro Valley.**

Celebrant **Grant that every member of the Church may truly
and humbly serve you;**

All **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Celebrant We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
All **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We remember Archbishop Justin of Canterbury, Presiding Bishop Michael, and our Bishop Jennifer, as well as the clergy of our diocese and parish.

Celebrant We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
All **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Celebrant Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
All **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We remember our vestry, committees, and guilds of Christ Church and all who serve actively in ministry.

Celebrant Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
All **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

This week we remember Pat T. and Peggy C. from our parish prayer list.

Celebrant Give to the departed eternal rest;
All **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

This week we remember all those from our parish who are now in your presence, especially Donald.

Celebrant We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

All **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

This week we celebrate the lives of Clive Staples Lewis, Clement, James Otis Sargent Huntington, Isaac Watts, and Kamehameha and Emma.

Celebrant Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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.**

Announcements

All 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 Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Blessing

Celebrant 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.
All **Amen.**

Hymn At the name of Jesus (stanzas 4-6) **Hymnal 435**

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