

# St. Gregory's Episcopal Church

## The Feast of Christ the King

November 22th, 2020

**PRELUDE**.....Ann Klein, Music Director

### THE ANGELUS

*The Angelus is a traditional Christian devotion offered before Holy Eucharist and Morning and Evening Prayer in honor of the Incarnation. It is usually accompanied by the ringing of the church bell (in three sets of three for each versicle, response, and Hail Mary, followed by one set of nine for the concluding prayer). You may pray it as the bell rings, or use the silence to prepare for worship in your own way.*

*The first three bells*



V. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,  
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God  
pray for us sinners, now,  
and at the hour of our death.

*The second three bells*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

*The third three bells*

V. And the Word was made flesh.  
R. And dwelled among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

*The nine bells*



V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN.....*Savior like a shepherd lead us*



1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy  
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*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.**

## SONG OF PRAISE



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
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## 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.*

## THE FIRST READING..... *Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24*

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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE** (*chanted in unison*) ..... *Psalm 100*

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you | **lands**; \*  
serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before God's presence with a | **song**.
- 2 Know this: The LORD alone is | **God**; \*  
God has made us and we are God's possession;  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's | **pasture**.
- 3 Enter God's gates with thanksgiving;  
go into the holy courts with | **praise**; \*  
give thanks and call upon the Name of the | **Lord**.
- 4 For good is the LORD, whose mercy is ever | **lasting**; \*  
and whose faithfulness endures from age to | **age**.

**THE EPISTLE** ..... *Ephesians 1:15-23*

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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**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."

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

**THE SERMON**.....The Rev. Matthew Wright

**THE NICENE CREED** (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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** (*the leader and people pray responsively*)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Allen, and Mary, our Bishops; and for all bishops  
and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for those on our Parish  
Prayer List: Vera, Marcus, Eric, Barbara, Trevor, Robin, Bill, James, Theo, Charlotte, Bob,  
Olive, Doris, Linda, Caleb Francis, Matthew, Charles, Cara, Ford, Patty, Chris, Erica, Paul,  
Zachary, Heather, Ilfra, Anna & Emmett, Tress, Gini, Amy, and Chloe Rose.

*A brief silence follows during which the People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*A brief silence follows during which the People may add their own petitions.*

We will exalt you, O God our Maker;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*A brief silence follows during which the People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*All then join in saying*

**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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of 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; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*Minister and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Priest says*

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 Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Parish announcements may follow.*

## **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be-low;  
praise God, the Tri-ni - ty of love, be - fore, be-neath, a - round, a - bove.  
A - men.

*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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You



laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Longing now to gather again at your table and to share the meal he shared with us, we pray in union with all your Church:

*All join the Celebrant in praying*

**Lord Jesus, we love you above all things  
and long to gather at the table you have prepared.  
Since we cannot receive you now in bread and wine,  
we ask you to feed us with the manna of your Holy Spirit  
and nourish us with your abiding presence.  
Unite us to you, and never permit us to be separated from your love. Amen.**

*A brief silence follows.*

**THE BLESSING**.....The Rev. Susan Auchincloss

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**.....*The servants well-pleasing to God*

*(see following page)*



1 The ser - vants well - pleas-ing to God \_\_\_\_\_ re - spond with-out  
 2 The ser - vants well - pleas-ing to God \_\_\_\_\_ live not for the  
 3 The ser - vants well - pleas-ing to God \_\_\_\_\_ know he will sup -



think - ing of self, \_\_\_\_\_ but joy - ful - ly give from the  
 praise of the world, \_\_\_\_\_ but give in re - sponse to God's  
 ply all their needs; \_\_\_\_\_ and when they will faith - ful - ly



heart \_\_\_\_\_ and make no de - mands in re - turn. \_\_\_\_\_  
 love, \_\_\_\_\_ which they, un - de - serv - ing, re - ceived. \_\_\_\_\_  
 tithe \_\_\_\_\_ he'll give them a - bun - dance be - side. \_\_\_\_\_

#### *Refrain*



Lord, when did we see you hun - gry, im - pris - oned, lone - ly or



na - ked, in need of a friend? "What - ev - er you've done for



one of these oth - ers, in truth you have done it for me."

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ the King.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!