



## MORNING PRAYER

The Last Sunday after Pentecost  
'Christ the King' Sunday  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC  
November 21, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

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### THE GATHERING

Officiant 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)

#### Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

The People may kneel or bow.

**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 Officiant announces the Absolution of Sin

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

#### Venite

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! (Psalm 95:1-7)

### **Jubilate**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.** (Psalm 100)

### **Psalm 93**

The LORD is King;  
he has put on splendid apparel;

**The LORD has put on his apparel  
and girded himself with strength.  
He has made the whole world so sure  
that it cannot be moved;  
Ever since the world began,  
your throne has been established;  
you are from everlasting.**

The waters have lifted up, O LORD,  
the waters have lifted up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.  
Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

**Your testimonies are very sure,  
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,  
for ever and for evermore.**

## THE LESSONS

### **Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **A Song of Praise** (Song of the Three Young Men)

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

## Revelation 1:4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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## Mark 7:24-37

Deacon        The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Deacon        The Gospel of the Lord.

People        **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## The Homily

**Period of Silence** A marked period of silence follows the Homily.

## 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

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**And grant us your salvation.**

Dear friends: On this the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. As we reflect on the meaning of Jesus' reign over our hearts, let us pray for ourselves and for the world, saying: May your reign come; Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church, the sign of your reign, that it may extend your welcome to people of every race and background. May your kingdom come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christians of every denomination, that together we may come to understand the royal priesthood you bestowed on us in baptism. May your dominion come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure. May your rule come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community of St. Mark's, that attentive to your word, we may always worship in spirit and truth. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: **Rudolph** McEwan, **Ryoko** Roberts, **Beth** Plumeri, **Leah** Underwood, **Becky** Toole, **David** Robbins, **Sarah** Robbins, **Valerie** Aguirre, **Vickie** LoMonte, **Judy** Wray, **David** Myher, **Elayne** Karickoff, **Ruth** Mufandaedza, **Lee** Witcher, **Audrey** Witcher, **Deanna** Hill, **Sophia** Vaughan Morning, **Marilyn** Adams, **Mary** Mainwaring, **Katie** Critcher, **Dave** Bowman, **Denise** Davis, **Carmen** Reeve, **James** Barber, **Celia** Nail, **Betty** Johnson, **William** Nail, **Ginny** Barber, **Janice** Fowlkes, **Harriet** Banner, **Susan** Tobie, **Hugh** Stohler and **Rpaul** Smith, and that those who die today may not die alone. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own needs [*Here other intercessions may be offered; each ending with: My your reign come; Lord, hear our prayer.*]

We pray for all those impacted by COVID-19 and that all who grieve the coming of death may come to know life in the mercy of God, May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ that light perpetual will shine upon them. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**And grant us your salvation.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **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.**

### **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.**

### **A Greeting, Announcements, Words of Encouragement and Passing of the Peace**

Here, the people may reverently bow or wave in acknowledgment of others; avoiding handshakes and hugs.

### **The Gathering of Tithes and Offerings**

## THE SENDING

### 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.

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

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

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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