

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SAINT JAMES

November 20, 2022

The Last Sunday after Pentecost—Christ the King

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

Crown Imperial
Played by Sean Price, organ

Sir William Walton
(1902-1983)

The flowers this Sunday are given by John Patierno
to the glory of God and in loving memory of:
St. James Church friends who have passed

Opening Hymn

Now thank we all our God

Hymn 397

A Prayer for Children (*Children process to Sunday School Classrooms*)

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Greeting

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

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.

The Song of Praise

Hymnal S-278

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

Leader: Behold! Listen!

Congregation: **This is important!**

Collect for the Community *(Read together in unison)*

Gracious God, strengthen in us the two values that we hold central as a Christian Community. These values are inspired by Jesus' two great commandments. First, we love God or something greater than ourselves with all our hearts and mind, and second we commit to loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. There is no boundary or condition to our love and commitment to God or to our neighbor, no matter who they may be. All are welcome in this place. Amen.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

The Psalm *(Read responsively by the verse)*

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 **The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.**
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 **The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 **It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 **The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

The Epistle

Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from the letter to the Colossians

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers~ all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

Hymn 495

The Holy Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. C. Melissa Hall

The Nicene Creed *(Recited In Unison)*

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Prayers of the People

Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the contributions and influence of Native Americans that have enriched our common lives together.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation [especially Bill, Elle, James, Katherine, Helen, Morgan, Ginny, Doug, Delrene, John, Tyler & Allison, Rilee, Jim, Jose Luis, Edward, Donna, Dianne, Neil, Judy, Heather, Colleen, Kerry, Maureen, Scott, Ashley, Joanne] *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect

The Sharing of the Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

The Presentation of the First Communion Candidate

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Panis Angelicus
Sung by the St. James Choir

César Franck
(1822-1890)

Doxology

Hymn 380, Verse 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Hymnal S-129

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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 Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Hymn 324

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Almighty God, we believe that you are truly present in this Holy Sacrament. Whether we can be at your table or not, we unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing, Benediction, and Dismissal

Closing Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymn 494

NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH

During the month of November we recognize the contributions and influence of native Americans to the history, culture, and achievements for the United States in our prayers and biographical information found in the bulletin.

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THE H.O.S.T CORNER (HERE'S ONE SMALL THING)

I will do this one small thing:

Come to church as often as I can
Commit to walking with our teens in a Suicide Prevention Walk
Sort your winter coats for donation to the coat drive
Volunteer for the parish's food insufficiency program
Sign up for the choir
Sign up your children for church programming
Donate food for the outdoor food pantry
Donate food to the soup kitchens
Give one hour in our thrift store
Give one Sunday to help gather this community in worship by being an usher
Be a Church Reader
Volunteer for two months in Sunday School
Volunteer for one month in Sunday School
Volunteer for two weeks in Sunday School
Volunteer for one Sunday in Sunday School
Volunteer to work with our teens and youth.
Give one hour to sort clothing and items for our neighbors in need
Weed one section of the Memorial Garden
Offer a ride to church for someone who needs it
Make a short weekly phone call to the homebound
Help with social media posts
Reach out by email to welcome a new member
Invite a friend to Church
Talk about our church's good works with others
Show up to events at the church.
Say hello to a neighbor
Volunteer to keep the outdoor food pantry stocked.
Buy one pack of diapers for the diaper program
Add an extra can of soup to my grocery cart for the Food Bank
Learn the names of three teens or children in our church
Say Hello to three teens or children in our church
Become informed about our town government
Talk about homelessness in my town
I will vote

Be good stewards.

We urge you to keep up to date with your financial support of the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Stewardship:** Pledge cards have been mailed out to your home; please do not throw them out. Fill them out and please mail or return to the church.
- * **First Communion Sunday:** Today we celebrate with our children who have completed Holy Communion Instruction: Julia Baccash
- * **Prayer Requests:** Each Sunday during the Prayers of the People we will offer names from the parish prayer list. These names will be included in the weekly e-newsletter for inclusion in your personal prayers. Parishioners are always encouraged to offer up names of others in need, or their thanksgivings, during the Prayers of the People. Call or e-mail Rev. Audrey with prayer requests.
- * **No Sunday School on Nov. 27th (Thanksgiving)**
- * **Community Service Opportunity - Dec. 3rd:** Help is needed to pack our mobile food pantry Saturday morning, Dec. 3rd, around 9 a.m. We will go to two locations in Montclair to distribute food. Contact Rev. Audrey for more information.
- * **Annual Holiday Gifts and Toys for Drive Prison Ministry - through Dec. 4:** We are collecting holiday gifts for children whose families have been impacted by incarceration. Select a tag from the bulletin board located in the church tower.
- * **Christmas Tree Lighting and Händel's Messiah:** Join us on Tuesday evening, December 6th at 6pm for the annual tradition of hot chocolate lighting of the Christmas tree on the St. James front lawn. Following the lighting at 7:30pm is the community Messiah-sing led by the Oratorio Society of New Jersey. All are welcome to attend this annual holiday tradition!
- * **Native Heritage Month:** During the month of November we recognize the contributions and influence of Native Americans to the history, culture, and achievements for the United States in our prayers and with biographical information found in the bulletin.
- * **Nursery Care -** We always welcome children in church! Nursery care, for children up to 4 years of age, is available in the education Wing during the Sunday 10:15 a.m. service. Children in Pre-K through K are welcome to attend Godly Play Sunday school class at 10:15 a.m.. An usher can guide you.
- * **Advent Fair -** Our annual Advent Fair is Sunday, Dec. 4, the Second Sunday of Advent and St. Nicholas Day during coffee hour. We'll have crafts to make and supplies to take home for your Advent Wreath.
- * **PATCH Party-** our annual party for children whose families have been affected by incarceration is Saturday, Dec. 10. Help is needed from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.. We serve lunch, make crafts, play games, and have a visit from St. Nicholas. Contact Rev. Audrey. Teens can use this event for community service hours.
- * **Christmas Pageant -** The Christmas Pageant will be back in person and performed on December 18th. All children in the parish are welcome to participate. Older youths and Alumni visitors are invited to help share this tradition with the younger children who haven't enjoyed a pageant in 3 years. Please sign up on the sheets in the Church Hallway, email Rev Audrey Ahasselbrook@gmail.com, or text Fran Lapinski at 973-951-8025.
- * **Fisher Kids:** Youth group grades 3-6 meets Monday, November 28th from 5-6:30pm. Contact Rev. Audrey for more information.
- * **Acolytes on 11/20/22:** Jackson Pagliaro, Sam Acevedo, Oliver Wagner

HONORING NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH

Bill Helin - Artist, Illustrator, writer

Helin, a member of the Tsimshian Nation, has created art since he was three. His traditional Tsimshian wood carvings, jewelry and paintings are shaped by the many hours he spent listening to his grandmother as she told him many legends. In addition, he has written and illustrated children's books about the Tsimshian people. He designed uniform patches for the space shuttle Columbia (2006) and the International Space Station astronauts (2011). A signed engraved silver bracelet of his is for sale in the Thrift Store.