

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

THANKSGIVING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD



NOVEMBER 22, 2020

6:00 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church

Four Fountain Square

Larchmont, NY

THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND PRAYER

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Officiant Grace and peace to you from God.

People God fill you with truth and joy.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People The Lord bless you.

Officiant This is the day which the Lord has made.

People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Officiant Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love you, and worthily praise your holy name; through our Saviour Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.

Officiant Hear the teaching of Christ: a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

***People* Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Officiant God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence, we call to mind our sins.

Silence.

Officiant Let us confess our sins.

***All* Merciful God,
We have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Officiant Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

***People* Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Officiant

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.

All

Amen.

Silence may follow each reading.

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

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A Reading from 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95:1-7A

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

Officiant ✠ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People **Praise and glory to God.**

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 Christ.

People

Praise to Christ, the Word.

SERMON

The Rev. Lisa P. Mason

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All

**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 fully 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.
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
and 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.

Officiant Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Periods of silence may be kept.

Reader Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:
(Silence)

Reader Father, enliven the Church for its mission that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world. *(Silence)*

Reader Breathe fresh life into your people. Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action. *(Silence)*

People **We pray for the world:**

Reader Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace. That we may respect one another in freedom and truth. *(Silence)*

Reader Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it. Teach us to care creatively for its resources. *(Silence)*

People **We pray for the community:**

Reader God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others that all may act with integrity and courage. *(Silence)*

Reader Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. *(Silence)*

People **We pray for those in need:**

Reader God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially Bernadette, Blanche, Bob, Carolyn, Ellen, George, Harold, Robert, Sandy, Sara Lee, and Tom. May they know the power of your healing love. *(Silence)*

Reader Make us willing agents of your compassion. Strengthen us as we share in making people whole. *(Silence)*

People **We remember those who have died and those who mourn.**

Reader We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially Bernice Johnson and those whose faith is known to you alone. (Silence)

Reader Father, into your hands we commend them. Give comfort to those who mourn. (Silence)

Reader Bring them peace in their time of loss. We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

Reader May their example inspire and encourage us. We pray for ourselves and our ministries: (Silence)

Reader Lord, you have called us to serve you.

People Grant that we may walk in your presence:
your love in our hearts,
your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills;
until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming
and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Rev. Lisa The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lisa shares brief announcements.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The offerings of the people are presented.

Officiant Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Officiant God's Spirit is with us. Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Officiant It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

All 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.

Officiant All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Officiant Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

All Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant As Christ teaches us, we pray
All **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 Officiant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.

Officiant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

Officiant Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The presiding priest and people receive communion.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Officiant Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people.

All Therefore, everliving God,
keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.
And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are,
to serve you faithfully in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

People Amen. We go in the name of Christ.