

**THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT:
CHRIST THE KING**

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

10:00 AM



**St. John's Episcopal Church
Four Fountain Square
Larchmont, NY**

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Make sure your audio setting on Zoom is now in the “mute” setting. Respond out loud at home to all the responses just as if we were in church together.

Let us take three deep breaths and center ourselves in the present moment. Relax and release some of your stress as we make ourselves available to God so God can be more available to us. Consider sharing your specific concerns, silently or aloud, during the Prayers of the People.

READ ALOUD AT HOME ALL THE PARTS IN BOLD WHILE YOUR MIC IS MUTED.

ORGAN PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN: #616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed *Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein*
(vs.1, 2, and 5)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever,
his changeless Name of Love.

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Officiant 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.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA

All **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

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.**

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

Dorothy Rainier 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

Ryan O'Connell

Reader

The portion of the Psalter appointed for this morning is from Psalm 95. Let us read it responsively by the half-verse.

- 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.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

Dorothy Rainier

A Reading from the letter 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 10: THE SECOND SONG OF ISAIAH

Quaerite Dominum

Sung by Dorene Falcetta.

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

Rev. Dorothy ✠ 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Lisa P. Mason

THE NICENE CREED

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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

Ryan O'Connell

Reader God, we pray for your people in every place around the world;
People **That we may be one.**

Reader Give us the grace to serve you with humility;
People **That we may reflect your commandment to love others as ourselves.**

Reader We pray for Rev. Lisa, Rev. Dorothy, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful to your truth.**

Reader Give us grace to do your will;
People **That all our words and actions will reflect your love.**

Reader Bless your people who serve as essential workers,
People **That they may serve with courage, wisdom, strength and compassion.**

Reader Have compassion on all who are suffering the effects of the pandemic, and all who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Bernadette, Blanche, Bob, Carolyn, Ellen, George, Harold, Robert, Sandy, Sara Lee, and Tom.

***People* That they may be comforted in their distress.**

Reader Bless all who have died, especially Bernice Johnson.

***People* Let your light shine upon them forever.**

Reader May your Spirit move in those in positions of authority and in every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, hatreds cease and divisions heal;

***People* That all may live in justice and peace.**

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite you to add your own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

At this point, all participants shall be “unmuted” and you are invited to add your own petitions aloud.

The Officiant adds a concluding collect, and the People respond,

***People* Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is observed.

***All* Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,**

and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

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

People And also with you.

All participants' microphones will be muted again, through the end of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lisa shares brief announcements.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Rev. Lisa Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 God thanks and praise.

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

Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface relevant to the season.

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:

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.**

Celebrant Holy and gracious God: 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 Maker 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."

All Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

**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

Rev. Lisa

Be present to today. Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow. The same God who cares for you today, will care for you tomorrow. God will either shield you from suffering or you will be given the unfailing strength to bear it, along with the love and support of our faith community. So be at peace then, and cast aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations. And the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and remain with you forever.

People

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

(vs.1, 3, and 4)

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! bread of Heaven,
Thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

DISMISSAL

Rev. Doeothy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Join us for our “Virtual Coffee Hour”.
Before we begin, we take a 2 minute break.

You are welcome to stay as long as you like and
to leave the “Coffee Hour” at any point.

Liturgical Ministers Today

Rector
Priest Associate
Director of Music
Intercessor
Lector

The Rev. Lisa P. Mason
The Rev. Dorothy A. Greene
Dr. Paul-Martin Maki
Ryan O’Connell
Dorothy Rainier