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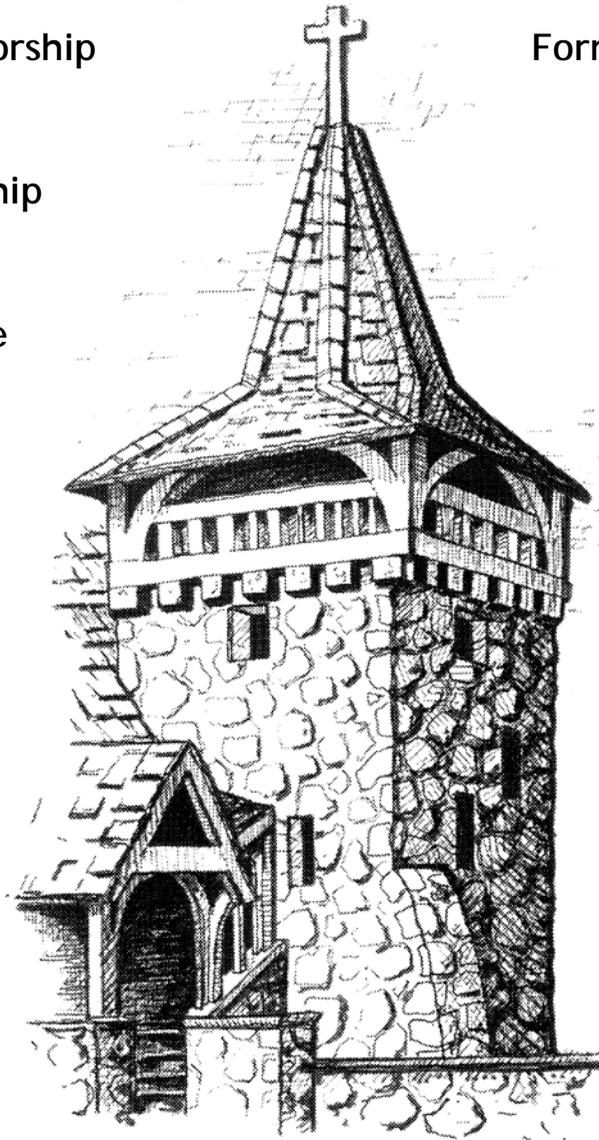
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*Our Vision: we serve Christ today
for those who will come to know and serve Christ tomorrow.*

The Last Sunday after Pentecost
The Feast of Christ the King
November 22, 2020
NINE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prayer Book page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. The offertory hymn can be found in Hymnal 1985, and the text will be shared on Zoom.

The Word of God

Prayer Book page # 355

The Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

The Celebrant may say

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 following is said by all. **The Gloria in Excelsis Deo**

Prayer Book page # 356

**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.**

The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book page # 236

The Celebrant says to the people 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 Lessons

Prayer Book page # 357

The first lesson, the psalm, and the second lesson will be read today by Brian Williams. The texts of the readings will be shared on Zoom.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

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

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (34:11-16, 20-24)

The Gradual Psalm 100 Jubililate Deo

Prayer Book page # 729

The psalm will be read in unison

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
 serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 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.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (1:15-23)

Then the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:31-46)

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

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

The Homily

The Rev'd Joshua McGuffie

The Nicene Creed

Prayer Book page # 358

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

Prayer Book page # 392

The Deacon and People pray responsively

Leader: Let us pray to our God through Jesus Christ, the king who saves all peoples. For the Church Universal, as it awaits the return of Christ the King; hear our prayer, O God;

People: **for blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.**

For the Church throughout the world, for the Episcopal Church, for the Diocese of Los Angeles, and for this parish, that all who are disciples – lay people, bishops, priests and deacons might grow together in the knowledge and love of Christ; hear our prayer, O God; **for blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.**

For the leaders of the nations, that they might be shepherds to all people and execute justice and righteousness; hear our prayer, O God; **for blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.**

For peace throughout the world, especially in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea, Central Africa, and for reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians; hear our prayer, O God; **for blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.**

For those commended to our prayers, especially...; for all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed; hear our prayer, O God; **for blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.**

For all who are serving in the military, and especially those we know and love: _____ and for all those around the world suffering from the violence of war; hear our prayer, O God; **for blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.**

For all teachers, that they might lead our children to sound learning and strength of character; hear our prayer, O God; **for blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.**

We give thanks for our many blessings, especially for _____; for those parishioners celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially...; and for our families, companions, and all those we love; hear our prayer, O God; **for blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.**

For those who have found their rest in Christ, especially _____, and for all the dead; hear our prayer, O God; **for blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

God of the ages, who reconciles all things to yourself in Christ, hear the prayers we offer this day and remember us in your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *(Silence may be kept.)*

Celebrant and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

Prayer Book page # 360

The Holy Communion

Prayer Book page # 361

Fr. Michael will make a few announcements. The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. During the Offertory, Dr. Debora Huffman, Carol Rasmussen and Charley Noecker will offer a hymn - # 494 DIADEMATA, Crown Him With Many Crowns

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book page # 361

The Celebrant says 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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 a proper preface is said.*) 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:

Celebrant and People

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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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.

The Celebrant continues

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,

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book page # 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us! Therefore let us keep the Feast! Alleluia!

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

In place of the Invitation ("The gifts of God..."), the following Prayer of Spiritual Communion, is recommended:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: "This is my body; this is my blood — given for you." Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.

(From ELCA Bishop Ray Erwin)

The Celebrant may bless the people.

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! *People:* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Please join us for fellowship during our virtual coffee hour on Zoom.

A Service of Communion under Special Circumstances will be held for individuals or households on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings by appointment. Please call the Parish office to set the time you'd like to be greeted. If your work schedule conflicts, please contact Father Bamberger for another option.

The Altar Flowers are given today by Elizabeth Wilson in memory of her mother – Adrienne Wilson.

IF YOU ARE VISITING US TODAY, we welcome you in the Name of Christ and invite all persons to share in the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Baptism is the way we acknowledge our fellowship and communion in Christ's Church. If you are interested in being baptized or talking about your baptism, please speak to the Rector – Canon Bamberger or another member of the clergy.

Announcements for the Last Sunday after Pentecost The Feast of Christ the King November 22, 2020

WEEKLY SERVICES: HOLY EUCHARIST: Sunday, 7:30 am (in person/outside) & 9:00 a.m. (Via Zoom and Facebook Live); Thursday, 7:00a.m. (on hiatus)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES MEETS BETWEEN SERVICES is on hiatus.

Between the Masses may meet on Zoom

Sunday School for middle School and high School will meet today on Zoom

THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 26TH -- Weather permitting, Eucharist - The Great Thanksgiving - will be celebrated outside in our worship space on the south side of the church this coming Thursday at **9:00 a.m.**, and we will use the Litany of Thanksgiving. (Folks are asked to bring their own chairs. Distancing will be observed, masks will be worn, and Communion will be distributed in one kind.) Join us as we share in hearing God's Word, offering Him praises, and partaking of the abundance of His table.

NEXT SUNDAY – THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – NOVEMBER 29TH – Our early morning, in-person service will move to 8 a.m. For the time being, the second (online only) service will continue at 9 a.m.

LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK (taken from Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018):

11/24 - Catherine of Alexandria, Barbara of Nicomedia, and Margaret of Antioch (*Martyrs c.305*) **11/25 – James**

Otis Sargent Huntington (*Priest and monk, 1935*) **11/26 – Isaac Watts** (*Hymn writer, 1748*)

11/26 – Thanksgiving Day **11/28 – Kamehameha and Emma** (*King and Queen of Hawaii, 1864, 1885*)

LEADERSHIP: *Rector:* The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger, M. Div.;

Assisting the Rector: The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski
The Reverend Pastor Joshua McGuffie, M.Div.

Director of Music and Organist: Dr. Debora Huffman; *Minister to Young Persons:* Ms. Jobi McGuffie;
Parish Administrator: Ms. Kim Lumino; *Administrative Coordinator:* Mrs. Jean Rowe; *Verger:* Mr. Michael Beach; *Altar Guild Director:* Mrs. Lynne Holl; *Senior Warden:* Mr. Gordon Tomaske; *Junior Warden:* Mr. Ray Smith; *Treasurer:* Mr. Dan Hanson; *Diocesan Discerner:* Mr. Keiichi Matsumoto

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