

*Worship Booklet for the Season of Stewardship*  
*The Last Sunday After Pentecost: November 22, 2020*  
*The Feast of Christ the King*  
*=== Spiritual Communion ===*  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Introduction** – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

**The Word of God**

**Opening Hymn** – Hymnal #290, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," v. 1 & 4

Verse 1:

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home;  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home.

Verse 4:

Even so, Lord, quickly come  
to thy final harvest-home;  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there, for ever purified,  
in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home.

**Opening Acclamation**

Presider      Glory to you, Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*      *And let us glorify your kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Presider      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.*

**\*Spoken Gloria**

*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.*

**The Collect, Lessons, and Gospel :**

**The Collect of the Day**    *From Planning for Rites and Rituals 2019-2020*

Presider        Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**The Lessons**

The First Reading: The Old Testament – Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

*Reader:*

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.

Reader        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a *Venite, exultemus*

*Reader:*

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.

The Second Reading: The Epistle – Ephesians 1:15-23

*Reader:*

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.

Reader            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

(See **Celtic Alleluia** on the next page . . . )

### \*Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia

After a brief introduction, sing two times through

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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### The Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46

Presider        The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People**        *Glory to you, O 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.”

Presider        The Gospel of our Savior.

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

### The Sermon – Rev. Lois

**The Nicene Creed** *Adapted from the original Nicene Creed, 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D.*

*All We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.*

*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, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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 with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.*

*We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.*

*We confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and we look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**Prayers of the People** – *Adapted from [www.thisischurch.com](http://www.thisischurch.com), a British Anglican/Methodist ecumenical partnership website*

*Reader leads and People respond:*

Majestic and all-encompassing God, you are the authority over everything that exists in all of creation, and yet you are one with us and we are one with you.

We bring before you now in our prayers of intercession our hopes and dreams for a better world, better human relationships, and of lives restored to wholeness. In all these we acknowledge you King of all and seek no more than your grace allows. And so—

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

We pray for your world-wide Church, that it may continue to spread into every corner of the globe. We pray for all our world-wide Christian brothers and sisters. We pray especially for Michael, our presiding bishop, Marc, our bishop; and Lois, our priest-in-charge.

We pray for our own church here at Christ the Lord and for all who give of their time and talents to carry forward the work of Christian witness to your eternal praise and glory.

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

We pray for the work of all those involved in bridging the chasms which divide peoples. We remember the work of the United Nations and of the many Non-Governmental Agencies dealing at first hand with the injured, with refugees, or with repairing damaged infrastructure.

We continue to remember and pray for our armed forces and the sacrifices they make on our behalf. We pray for courage and compassion on the front line, and for safe returns to those who wait at home when their tours are over. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who hold offices of power and influence, that their programs and policies are ones which unite, encourage, and enrich the lives of all people. We pray in particular for Donald, our president; Joseph, our president-elect; members of Congress; justices of the Supreme Court; and all governors and local officials.

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

We pray for those in most need in our own families and neighborhood, thinking of the elderly, the housebound, those in hospital and hospice, and those affected by COVID-19.

We also pray for all caregivers and visitors, whether family members, volunteers, or health care professionals; for they do your work and so we ask for them your gifts of patience, compassion, and understanding. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for parents who are working from home while also trying to manage their children's online learning; and for all teachers who are doing their best to successfully convey their material and to engage students in an online format.

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

We remember those we have loved but see no more. We pray for those left behind to grieve for a while and then to continue on life's journey, knowing that things will not be the same.

As we show the bereaved our love and compassion, help us also to share with them the certain knowledge that Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have died, and may light a candle to symbolize the light of Christ which eternally shines and brings hope.

For you turn our darkness into light; in your light shall we see light.

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord, when we feel weak and uncertain, reassure us that we are held in your love. And when we feel confident and strong, challenge us with the work that is needed to further your kingdom in this time and place.

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.*

Presider concluding prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **A Slideshow Presentation: Christ the Lord Church—Fondly Remembering Our History**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

### **The Doxology**

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

*Reader:* God of Peace, we are confronted with so many overwhelming needs in our world. Walk with us as we set aside our own desires and wants and join the call to alleviate human suffering. Transform the financial gifts we have made to Christ the Lord Church and our community into genuine acts of concern and ministry to others. In the name of the One who surpasses all understanding, we pray. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Priest Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbors.

*All Almighty and merciful God,  
We have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with all our heart.  
We have not loved others as our Savior Christ loves us.  
We are truly sorry.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
Help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;  
So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Priest Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

### **The Holy Communion / The Spiritual Communion**

*Adapted from Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP; Chichester Cathedral website, UK; and CDSP (Church Divinity School of the Pacific) website, US*

Presider The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.

*People We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

**\*Spoken Sanctus**

*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.*

Presider 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.

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ. May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

**The ‘Comfortable’ Words** *Adapted from Chichester Cathedral website, UK*

Presider Hear the words of comfort our Savior Christ says to all who truly turn to him: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
*Matthew 11:28*

Hear what Saint John says:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atonement for our sins. *1 John 2:1-2*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Hear what Saint Paul says:

This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38-39*



**Spiritual Communion** *Adapted from CDSP website*

Spiritual communion offers one way to sustain ourselves as we await the time when we can once again gather in the same space with other Christians to celebrate Eucharist. / The 1979 Prayer Book refers to spiritual communion in the form for Ministration to the Sick, directing the priest to assure a person unable to eat and drink the bread and wine “that all the benefits of Communion are received even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth” (BCP 457). The Prayer Book for the Armed Services suggests a prayer for spiritual communion, modified here for group recitation.

Presider Remembering the words of our Lord Jesus, and of Saints John and Paul, let us say together a prayer for Spiritual Communion:

*All In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

**The Lord’s Prayer** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*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.*

**Post Spiritual-Communion Prayer** *From the Church of England*

*The Presider and People pray together*

*Lord, in these days of mercy, make us quiet and prayerful;  
in these days of challenge, make us stronger in you;  
in these days of emptiness, take possession of us;  
in these days of waiting, open our hearts to the mystery of your cross.  
Amen.*

**Presider Blessing** *From Evening Prayer, BCP*

Almighty, everlasting God, give us grace to behold you, present in your Word and Sacraments, and to recognize you in the lives of those around us. Stir up in us the flame of that love which burned in the heart of your Son as he bore his passion, and let it burn in us to eternal life and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn – Hymnal #436, "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates," v. 1, 2 & 4**

Verse 1:

Life up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold the King of glory waits!  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here.

Verse 2:

O best the land, the city blest,  
where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
to whom this King of triumph comes!

Verse 4:

Redeemer come! I open wide  
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel:  
thy grace and love in me reveal.

**Dismissal**

Priest            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

Don't forget to join us for virtual coffee hour  
after the service, 11 am, through Zoom!

Check your email from Sandy for details.