St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Shippensburg, Pennsylvania



November 22, 2020 Last Sunday after Pentecost: FEAST DAY OF CHRIST THE KING (Proper 29) VIRTUAL SERVICE

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Dear Friends,

We welcome you today to our worship. We hope and pray the experience will be for you whatever your soul needs this day. May you enter into the joy and comfort of our liturgy, be uplifted by the music, find friends to share your spiritual journey, and to allow your heart and soul to settle into our parish family.

Today we celebrate the Feast Day of Christ the King which is celebrated in the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Episcopal Churches on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. It celebrates Christ's messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation. For some of us who have ben appropriately and joyfully brought to our knees in awe of the power of the divine goodness to shape our lives, these titles for Christ of King and Lord make sense to us, because we gladly give Christ's love and mercy dominion over our lives. For others, for whom this has not been their experience of God, they may bristle at these terms of Lord and King, which often mean to them and much of our world power, authority and intentional domination of one's individual interests, desires, or will. I encourage us all to listen closely to the words from our lessons today, especially Jeremiah, to hear the true nature of the Lord of lords, King of kings, who loves us tenderly and fiercely as shepherd of his flock.

We hope that whether this is your first visit to an Episcopal Church or if you have been worshiping with us for many years, you may experience the amazing love and grace of our savior Jesus Christ through our prayers, music, Holy Communion, and a sense of being a community gathered together through God's love.

In Christ's amazing love, Mother Barbara

Worship lies at the heart of our Christian life, for our turning toward God through praise, repentance, thanksgiving, and communion with the Risen Christ through the sacraments, all offered in community, opens our hearts to be changed by the life-giving love of God. It is also in worship that we profess our love of God, deepen our experience of God, and reconnect with our core identity, as expressed through our baptismal vows. And it is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as people of God.

GATHERING WELCOME

FEAST DAY OF CHRIST THE KING

There are two main sections of the worship service: The Ministry of the Word, and The Ministry of the Table (Altar). During the Ministry of the Word, we hear the sacred scriptures and allow our hearts to be broken to their truth in our lives. We begin our spoken word by acknowledging the triune God is worthy of our praise.

SINGING BOWL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

We believe God is found in all places and at all times, in the noise and chaos of our lives, and in the times of intentional silence within our hearts. We begin our worship by connecting to that space within our souls, where we can "Be still and know that God is God."

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

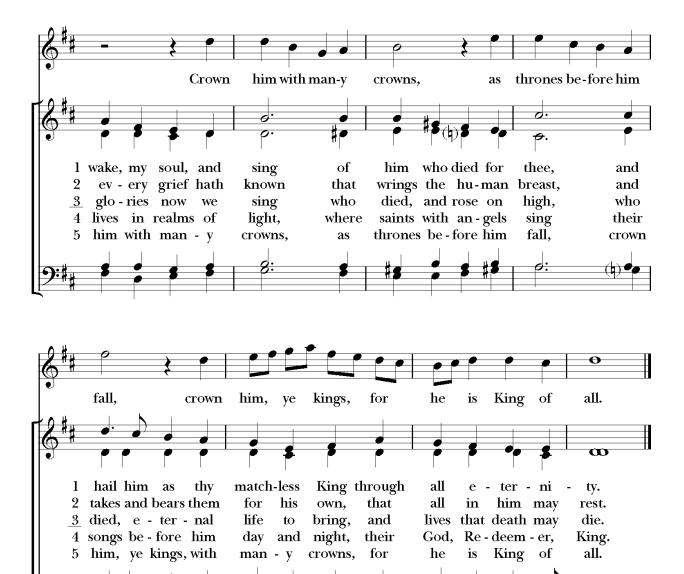
The Collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. Very often, this "collecting" prayer summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**





This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and to which he often referred or quoted.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

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.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The psalms are prayers that Jesus would have prayed in his daily worship and which express every human emotion of humankind's relationship with God and with one another.

Psalm 100 (Prayed responsively by whole verse.)

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.

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS Ephesians 1:15-23

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.

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This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we worship in person, we stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions, and we turn toward the Gospel book, as an outward sign of the turning of our hearts to the Way of Love.

SEQUENCE OFFERING

Alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Iesus 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

We lift our hearts in prayer, in praise and in trust of a living God, whose grace and presence in our lives offers healing and salvation. We pray for ourselves and on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation, and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in particular need or are suffering in heart, mind, body, or soul, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ.

THE HOMILY Mother Barbara

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Wanda Kloza

Good People of God, I bid your prayers for Christ's holy Catholic Church. May it be a beacon of peace, unity and understanding in an often conflicted, divided and confusing world.

We are the Body of Christ on earth, may we witness to your love.

I bid your prayers for all peoples throughout the world. May we find a way to bring an end to the conflicts that surround us, that all may be safe wherever they may be.

We are the Body of Christ in the world, may we make peace.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Ashleigh Mann, Chris, Rebecca, Jonathan, Nina, Pierre, Sassie, Tony Yancoskie, Bert, Janet, Melissa, Katherine, Kathy, Deb, Paula's nephew Cameron, Jan McCrory, Emma Jean Bankson, Shirley Glick, Chuck Bloom, Frank, Richard, Evan, Roseann, Jack, Kathleen, Amy, Ellen, Tabitha, the Williams Family, Alice, Samantha, Wanda, Margaret, Brian Rotz, Brian Helman, the Watts Family and Pedro, Rachel Mooney, Stan and Dottie, and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Laura, Christina, David, Jonathan, and Joseph, Laura and Pat, Deanna, Kathy, Jeanine, Ellen, Fred, Tom, Susan, Connor and Matthew, Blake and Katherine, and those whom we name, either silently in our hearts or aloud.

We also pray for God's peace and protection to be upon those who are in active duty in our military: Andrew Harkins, Kelley Williams, Caleb Reeder, Levi Nelson, Tawney White, Brad Arnold, Kyle Hubert, Brent Welch,

We offer our thanksgiving for the ministry of healing and love offered at the Episcopal Home for these many years. May God continue to bless those whose lives were shaped in faith by this ministry.

We are the Body of Christ to a broken world, may we bring Christ's healing love.

I bid your prayers for all those saints who have gone before us, especially remembering Brian Pratt. we strive for the fullness of your presence when our earthly time is done.

We are the Body of Christ in this time, as we await our time in God's kingdom.

I bid your prayers of thanksgiving for this parish of faith, especially for our ministries to the hungry in our community, May we be guided in our life at St. Andrew's to learn how to bring others to Christ, seek forgiveness, and strive for unity and concord.

We are the Body of Christ to one another, may we seek and serve Christ in our neighbors.

God, our hope, may your blessing empower our thanksgivings and our prayers; for we put our trust in you.

Amen.

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, so that we may support the continued mission and ministry of Christ of bringing in the kingdom of God, here among us.

OFFERING

In this season when we prepare to offer our hearts fully to receive the gift and grace of Christ's love through the baby Jesus who entered our world, let us give our whole selves to Christ's mission in this world. I invite you to walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We can think of this prayer not so much as ours, but Jesus' own prayer, his own words, in the power of his presence in our midst. Our giving utterance to the words of "Our Father" is really Christ speaking through us in the power of the Spirit.

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.

The priest offers God's blessing upon God's people. The words commonly are given in the trinitarian name of God, accompanied by the sign of the cross.

THE BLESSING

My friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make this earthly pilgrimage with us, so be swift to love, and make haste to do kindness, and the blessing of God, who comes to us as Creative Presence, Saving Grace and Life-giving Spirit be upon you and all whom you love this day, and forever more. **Amen.**



THE BLESSING OF OUR CRÈCHES

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love. When our need for a Savior was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger!

Celebrant The Word was made flesh People And dwelt among us.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow these images of Jesus' sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon them may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord. May our lives be filled with the glory of God during this holy season and may we, like Mary, be God-bearers into our world. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The point of worship is to praise God, be transformed by the grace of God, fed by the spiritual food offered through communion and community, and then sent out into the world for ministry and mission. "The worship has ended, let the service begin!"

THE DISMISSAL

Assisting Ministers Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERING Fairest Lord Jesus

Kevin Gorman, pianist Marie Hershey, organist

Worship Ministers

Officiant & Homilist The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson

Pianist Kevin Gorman Vocalists Jay Williams

Mary Beth Williams

Kevin Gorman

Guest Organists & Vocalist Michelle DiBona Trefren

Guest Organist Marie Hershey

Lectors Nichol Free (Ezekiel)

Samantha Davis (Ephesians)

Shannon & Neiley O'Donnell (Psalm)

Gospel & Prayers of the People The Rev. Deacon Wanda Kloza

Dismissal Iames and Thomas Williams

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today, November 22, 20120

Virtual Worship (anytime)

7:30 PM AA meeting

Monday, November 23, 2020

5:00 PM Community "to-go" Meal

7:30 PM AA meeting

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

9:30 AM Meditation in the Church (In-person & Zoom)

7:00PM Diocesan Hour of Gratitude (Facebook Live)

Thursday, November 26, 2020 - Thanksgiving Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this morning, Sharing community, gathered in heart and spirit, is a holy honor for which we are all grateful.

Our worship together is offered online through the end of the year due to Diocesan safety protocols as a result of the increasing cases of COVID-19. This decision may cause you great grief as it means celebrating a major feast day of our church in a new way. We are doing our best to maintain our traditions that are so dear to our heart, but re-imagine them in new ways that keep us all safe and well. If you have any concerns, questions, or wish to share the multitude of emotions you may be feeling during this time, please call Mother Barbara at 717-333-5590.

Ways to receive the Holy Sacrament. As Episcopalians we value the holy love, strength and nourishment which is provided to us by the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Often the whole of our being yearns to receive, to feel filled with the Holy Spirit's grace, to know the presence of the Risen Christ "here and now" and to share this in community. In order for us to remain safe from COVID and other health concerns, our worship as a gathered body of Christ is suspended through the end of the year. But that does not mean we cannot embrace and engage with the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Here are the ways this sacrament will be available to you:

1. Home Communion Visit. If you feel comfortable from a health safety perspective, you can invite Mother Barbara to come to your home and offer a pastoral visit and the sharing of the reserved sacrament with you. This may be a particularly helpful offer to those who leave them home only for essential reasons (grocery store, pharmacy). This is seen as a gift and joy for Mother Barbara so please do not imagine this as an inconvenience. She wants to do this.

- 2. If you are strictly in isolation, meaning due to your own health concerns or a need to fully quarantine so you may visit with your families at some later date and you do not leave your home for any reason, Mother Barbara or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor can drop an envelope off at your home which will contain a consecrated wafer and the service of Communion under Special Circumstances from our Book of Common Prayer, page 396. You could then 1) speak on the phone to Mother Barbara or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, who can pray through the service with you, 2) watch the video Mother Barbara created while you are consuming, so you have a sense of sharing the service with someone else, or 3) pray through the service and consume the consecrated wafer alone. The preference here, of course, is if at all possible, you are in community with one other person when consuming the consecrated element, since Holy Eucharist is always considered a communal act.
- 3. Participate in the "Extended Table" Service. We cannot gather as a group in the church for health reasons right now. However, we do have permission for Mother Barbara and one other person, which is required for the celebration of the Eucharist, to celebrate the Eucharist in the church (masked and with safe distancing). At the end of that service, the worship assistant will leave the church. Then any people who would like to come and receive communion may come into the church to do so. These visits would be scheduled, so we are certain Mother Barbara and one other person are in the church at the same time. We would do an abbreviated service so you have a sense of participating in the service, but which would last about 15 minutes. The area to receive will be disinfected after each person leaves.
- 4. Christmas Eve Celebration. Our bishop has offered us an amazing opportunity to receive the Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve. We are able to distribute to you (not by mail, so you would need to pick it up at church or ask for it to be dropped off at your home if coming into the church is not a possibility) a consecrated host for you. There will be a small envelope with either 2 small wafers in it, or a larger envelope with the host which can be broken into 4 parts. You would choose which you would need based on your family size. These small envelopes are then in a larger red envelope specially marked to indicate the contents are the Holy Sacrament. There will be an Order of Service for you to use on Christmas Eve while engaging in this sacrament. You will receive ideas of how to set aside holy space to reserve this consecrated bread before you will consume it and how to bring this act of the sharing of the sacrament it into the rhythm of your family life. We also invite you to join us at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve by Zoom where we will have a short service, pray through the prayers offered in Communion under Special Circumstances, and sing Silent Night together.

Please call Mother Barbara to discuss these options so we can determine what may be best for you and your family. Our prayer is that everyone can be fed by the sacrament during these times of isolation and the Feast of the Incarnation, otherwise known as Christmas.

Advent Mailing Packet. You will be receiving your Advent Packet early this coming week. There are many opportunities for us to worship, deepen our spiritual lives, serve our neighbors, and grow as Christians available to you during the season of Advent. Families with children will be receiving Advent Wreath Making Kits, which are so much fun to create and will help us mark the journey through these weeks leading up to Christmas. Those who would like a Compline Prayer Bag, complete with blue votive candle holder, candle, vial of holy water, and shell, along with the liturgies, please let Mother Barbara know. She is happy to send one to you or for you to pick one up.

We invite you to contribute to the Mary Grace Shearer MSW for the Advancement of Social Work Scholarship offered in gracious recognition of the nearly 40 years of faithful service Mary Grace offered to the ministry of The Episcopal Home. We are so grateful for her amazing work and the legacy of love which she is leaving behind. The parish will be making a gift and we invite you to make individual gifts as well. If you would like to contribute by check, you can either send a check to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and earmark it as the Mary Grace Shearer Scholarship or you can mail the check directing to TFEC (The Foundation for Enhancing Communities) at the following address: 200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101. If you would like to make an online donation, please do so by going to https://www.tfec.org. We thank you for your generosity.

We invite you to join us as we engage in **meditation or centering prayer on Tuesday mornings** at 9:30 a.m. You are welcome to come into the church and meditate in person with us (wearing a mask and sitting apart from one another) or connect with us by Zoom. Please email Mother Barbara for the Zoom link. This is a time when your soul can rest and be restored through the loving presence of God.

Our Community Meal program has expanded due to increased need in our community. We have picked up one additional time of preparing and serving the meal, thanks to the generous hearts of our members. We will now be serving the community meal to our hungry neighbors on the 4th Monday of the month. If you would like to join our community meal teams, please let Mike Stitt know. There is increased need for meal preparation because there are more hungry people in our area now. We are currently serving "to go" meals due to the COVID precautions.

Our food pantry. Thank you for all those who have recently contributed. It is a joy to see the pantry full and the bench also filled with food ready to be placed outside as needed. You are a generous people.

Next Weekend's Worship Services:

Church at Home – anytime. Join us for a pre-recorded service of glorious music, sacred scripture, reflection, and prayer.

"Extended Table" Worship Service. If you would like to come to the church, either individually or as members of the same household, to receive bread and wine that have been consecrated that morning at a church service with Mother Barbara and one other person (2 people are required to celebrate the Eucharist since it is a communal act and sacrament), please let Mother Barbara know so she can give you a time slot to come and participate in receiving the consecrated elements. Mother Barbara will lead you through an abbreviated service of the Holy Eucharist, lasting approximately 15 minutes, so that you have a sense of settling into the space, connecting with the rhythm of the liturgy, and then to receive the blessed sacrament. If you have any questions, please let me know. You may reach Mother Barbara at 717-333-5590 (cell) or by emailing her at rector@standrewsship.org.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are a Christ-centered community dedicated to living authentically, thinking inclusively, and opening our hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us.

Leadership
Diocesan Bishop The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan
Rector The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson
Parish Secretary Melanie Varner
Sexton Brett Erickson
Church Musician Brian Helman
Interim Church Musician Kevin Gorman
Head Verger Mike Stitt, FVGEC
Verger Mike Rhodes, FVGEC
Verger Jane Offner, Susan Sanders
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