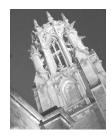


The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

## Proper 29, Year C Christ the King

November 23, 2025, 10:30 a.m. **Be Here, Be You, Be Loved** 



## Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral!

The People's responses are in **bold** print.

We have large print bulletins and hearing devices available. If you need one, ask an usher.

## Welcome! Beinvenido! Karibu!

Scattered in the world, we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community. Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as God's people. One of the glories of the Episcopal/Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted. As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

## **About the Holy Eucharist**

In the Episcopal Church the Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of Christ's body and blood, and the principal act of Christian worship. The term is from the Greek, "thanksgiving." Jesus instituted the Eucharist "on the night when he was betrayed." At the Last Supper he shared the Bread and cup of Wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. He identified the Bread with his body and the Wine with his blood of the new covenant. Jesus commanded his disciples to "do this" in remembrance of Jesus. For Episcopalians, the Holy Eucharist becomes the very Real Presence of Christ, his Body and Blood, the ordinary made also extraordinary, sacred by Jesus' own words and by the Holy Spirit.

In the Episcopal Church, we seek to adapt ancient liturgy for today. If you grew up in a less formal church, worship may feel pretty traditional. If you grew up in a formal church, our worship may deconstruct that formality, and ask you to pray using more modern words, or sing new songs. We seek to balance tradition and culture in our worship. When we hold the tension well between the ancient and the modern, the Holy Eucharist comes alive.

## Land Acknowledgment for the Diocese of Missouri (updated 7/2022)

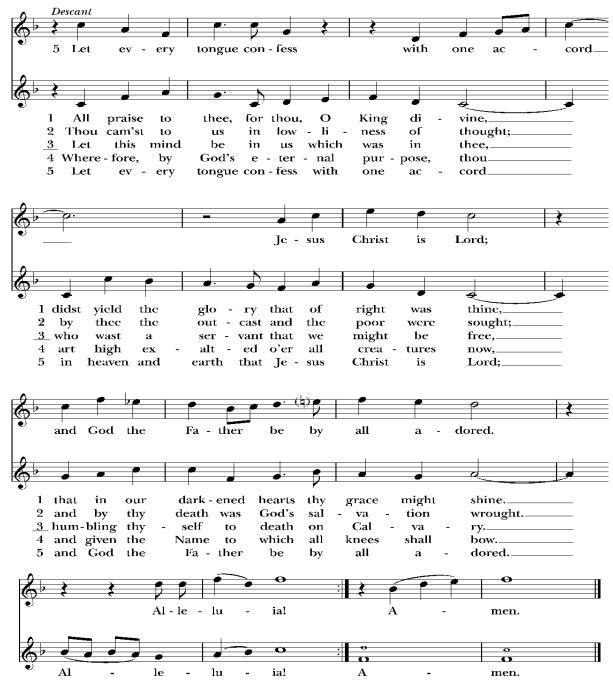
In humility, we recognize and acknowledge that we in the Diocese of Missouri worship and live on the traditional ancestral lands of the Osage Nation, the Illiniwek/Peoria Tribe, the O-Gah-Pah (Quapaw) Tribe, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, and other First Peoples. We recognize our mutual dependence upon and benefit from this land; we proclaim our solidarity with and our debt to the Peoples who first claimed and improved this land as their home. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that dispossessed the First Peoples from their ancestral lands. We affirm our commitment to stand with indigenous communities today and henceforth as they seek justice and resist continued threats to their sovereignty and humanity.

We are also cognizant that the history of The Episcopal Church is intertwined with the history of colonialism and slavery in the United States. More than four centuries ago, the first enslaved Africans were brought to the Americas, and two centuries ago enslaved and indigenous persons contributed to the exploration of this state by Lewis and Clark. Our state's history is entangled with both the Missouri Compromise making this state officially a slave state, and the case of *Scott v. Emerson* that petitioned for Dred and Harriet Scott's emancipation. We acknowledge the tragic legacy of slavery in our diocese, and the blood, sweat, and tears of enslaved people that soak the earth beneath our feet in Missouri. This legacy persists today as we continue to work towards racial justice, equity, liberation, and community, here in Missouri and across The Episcopal Church.

**PRELUDE** Voluntary in D Major

Charles Wood

OPENING SONG 477 ENGELBERG



## **WELCOME!**

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Presider* Let us gather ourselves into Christ's presence with a moment of silence.

Moment of silence to open our hearts.

## **GREETING** (Enriching Our Worship)

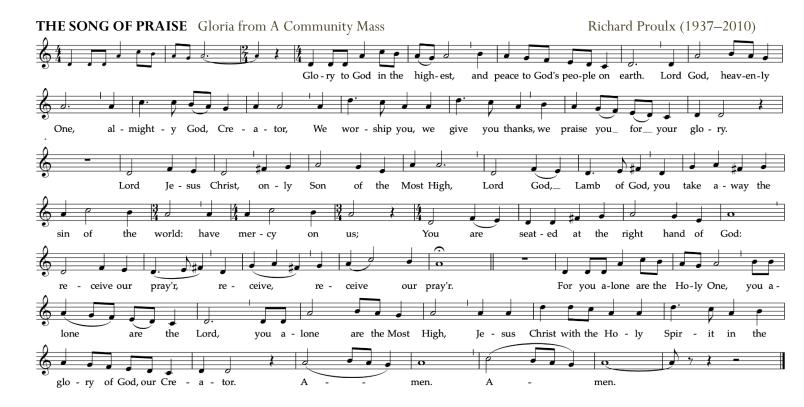
Presider Blessed be our God.

People For ever and ever. Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

People Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God is with you.People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. God of unbroken weakness, you scorn our lust for power. Keep us faithful to Jesus Christ, crucified

and victorious, in whose authority we dare to speak your truth, even in the face of injustice and death. **Amen.**Propers Working Group (2016); from Alternative Collects for Years A, B & C of the Revised Common Lectionary 2022, Anglican Church of Canada

## WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

#### THE FIRST READING Please be seated.

Jeremiah 23:1-6

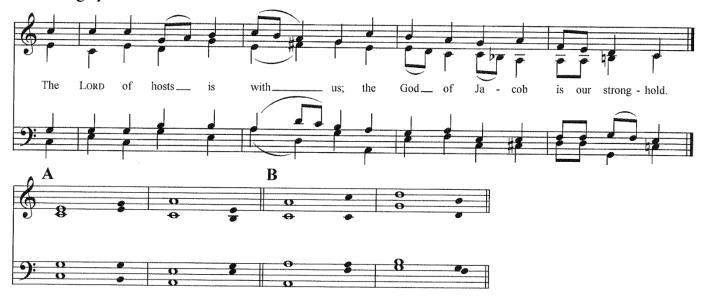
Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

People Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM OF THE DAY 46 (General Synod 2016 Liturgical Psalter, Anglican Church of Canada, pointed by Connor Scott)

# Antiphon – First sung by the choir, then sung again with the congregation Psalm-Sung by all



- 1 God is our refuge and | strength, \*
  - a very present help in | trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be | moved, \* and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the | sea;
- 3 though its waters rage and | foam, \* and though the mountains tremble at its | tumult.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of | God, \* the holy habitation of the | Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of this city; it shall not be over- | thrown; \* God shall help it at the break of | day.
- 6 The nations make much ado, and the dominions are | shaken; \* God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is | with us; \*
  - the God of Jacob is our | stronghold.
- 8 Come now and look upon the works of the | Lord, \* what awesome things God has done on | earth.
- A 9 It is God who makes war to cease in all the | world; \*
  - who breaks the bow and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with | fire.
- **A** 10 "Be still, then, and know that I am | God; \*
  - I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the | earth."
- **B** 11 The Lord of hosts is | with us; \* the God of Jacob is our | stronghold.

## Antiphon - Sung once together

## THE SECOND READING Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold

together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE** Alleluia, based on A Community Mass

Richard Proulx, paraphrased by C. Scott, ed.



THE GOSPEL Luke 23:33-43

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Deacon Justin Martin

Moment for silent reflection

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (Expansive Liturgies, ECUSA) Please stand as you are able.

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 truly 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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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 (Dr. Gail Ramshaw, adapted)

Deacon Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The people audibly or silently name those for whom they are interceding.

Leader

In the life of Jesus Christ in our midst, we have known God's judgment and mercy, and in the glory of Jesus, we acclaim the image of God invisible. With the whole church we turn to Christ this day, acknowledging that he alone rules in truth, as we say, when you come to rule, remember us, O Christ.

Jesus, Savior and Judge, you have confounded earthly judgment by choosing to be numbered among the transgressors. May your words comfort all who are in prison, all judged guilty by society or church, and all who live on the margins of the human family. When you come to rule,

People remember us, O Christ.

Leader

Jesus, condemned and powerless before your enemies, grant to the leaders of peoples to know that their rule is in the service of a greater law. We pray for our church leaders: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury-designate, Sean, Presiding Bishop; Deon, our bishop; Kathie, our dean; and the staff and Chapter of our Cathedral. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Carondelet /St. Louis and Jeff, their Interim Rector. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Presentation of the Lord Chapel in Gurabo. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. When you come to rule,

People remember us, O Christ.

Leader Christ, first-born of the dead, through the blood of your cross you give unity to the divided. Give to the church the hope of resurrection; may we recognize the image of God in your own rising. When you come to rule,

People remember us, O Christ.

Leader Christ, image of the invisible God, free us from holding you in images of our own making. Grant that in the Spirit we may see all power and all life transformed by the compassion of the cross. When you come to rule,

People remember us, O Christ.

Leader

Christ, healer of all people, uphold and strengthen all those in need of your healing power, including Israel, Palestine, Iran and the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti, Sudan, and Libya; our immigrant and trans siblings; the Brown, Barton, Betty, Franklin, and Hutcherson Families, Thelma, Timothy & Raymond, John, Basil, Arthur, Mary, Kingsley & Ramona, Kathy, Michael, Tom & Dennis, Warren, Richard, Deacon Barbi, Deb; all in prison and their families; and those affected by violence and oppression in all forms. When you come to rule,

People remember us, O Christ.

Leader

Jesus, pelican feeding your young with your own blood, may the dead who have partaken of your chalice be with you in paradise, including all slain in Sudan, the Middle East, and Ukraine, McLin Brown, Michelle Betty, Genevieve Barton, Jane Reed Hutcherson, Ulysses Franklin, Anthony Kovac, those 125 lives taken by gun violence in the city of St. Louis in 2025 represented in the light of the small candles on the high altar; and all who die at the hand of another, or by their own hand. When you come to rule,

People remember us, O Christ.

A11

We acclaim you, Jesus Christ, as the judge condemned to judgment, knowing that in your death the world is judged. Grant that the world may seek God's justice rather than human wisdom, and that all victims of human cruelty may share in the victory of life revealed to us in your death and rising. We join our prayers with the pleading of your blood poured forth at God's right hand, where you rule in the Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Enriching our Worship)

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

A11

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider Gracious God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

## THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE Please stand as you are able.

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet each other with a sign of peace.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

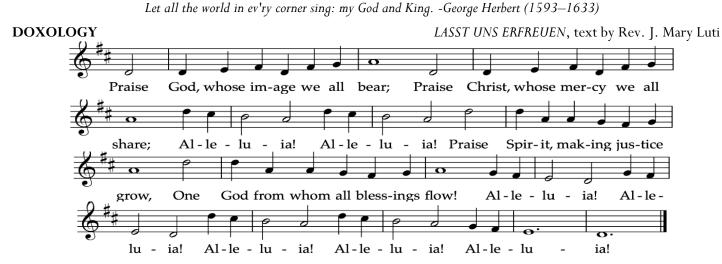
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## **GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE**

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Antiphon" from Five Mystical Songs

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing: my God and King. The heavens are not too high; his praise may thither fly; The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing: my God and King. The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but above all, the heart must bear the longest part.



## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: The Great Thanksgiving A Prayer Book for Australia, adapted

Presider God is 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 thanks and praise.

Presider Loving God, we thank you for this world of wonder and delight. You have given it to us to care for so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty. Lord, our God:

People We give you thanks and praise.

Presider We thank you that when we turned away from you, you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us, and bring us back to you. He showed us how to love you and set us free to love and serve one another. Lord our God:

People We give you thanks and praise.

Presider We thank you that on the cross Jesus took away our sin, all that keeps us from each other and from you. He frees us from hate and fear, from all that destroys love and trust. Lord, our God;

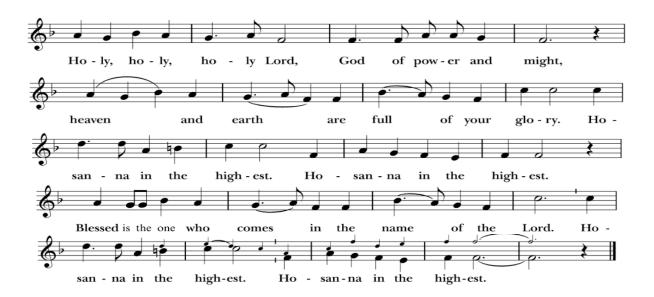
People We give you thanks and praise.

*Presider* And so with everyone who believes in you, with all the saints and angels, we rejoice and praise you, saying:

#### **SANCTUS S-125** from A Community Mass

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Please kneel or stand as you are able.



Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Presider And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine. May we who receive them, as Jesus said, share his body and his blood.

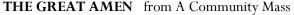
On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks. He took the bread and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup and give you thanks. He shared the cup with them and said, "This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ and to remember all he has done for us:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say, working for justice and bringing your peace to this world that you have made. Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All Blessing and honor and glory and power are yours for ever and ever.







## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread is broken; silence is kept.

#### **AGNUS DEI** A Community Mass

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)



Presider Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive.

#### THE INVITATION

*Presider* These are God's holy gifts, for you, God's holy people.

The Presider may add:

So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

#### SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

This is Christ's table and all are welcome to be fed. Please follow the movement to the altar; communion will be distributed at the head of the center aisle. Remember to take your purse/personal belongings with you when leaving your seat for communion.

Those participating at home may, if they wish, say this prayer during the time of Communion:

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

## **COMMUNION ANTHEM** Great King of gods

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

Great King of Gods, whose gracious hand hath led our sacred sovereign head unto the place where first our bliss was bred:

O send thine angels to his blessed side, and bid them there abide, to be at once his guardian and his guide.

Dear be his life, all glorious be his days, and prospering all his ways. Late add thy last crown to his peace and praise, and when he hath outlived the world's long date, let thy last change translate his living flesh to thy celestial state. Amen.

- Sarah Campbell, Kelly Beekman, & A.J. Murgo, soloists

## **COMMUNION HYMN 458**

LOVE UNKNOWN





## **SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITOR(S)**

Deacon In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread, one cup.

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER Please stand as you are able

Presider God is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

All Holy and Eternal God, we give you thanks for this feast of your goodness and love. Send us out to share the bread of life with all who hunger for your love; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

Presider The all-loving God, the giver of every good gift, fill you with hope, peace, and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Grace of Christ the Son and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.** 

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CLOSING SONG LEVAS 96

NEGRO SPIRITUAL



## THE SENDING

Deacon Our worship has ended. Our service in the world begins anew. Go in peace. Go in hope. Go in love to serve God's beloved people.

People Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Voluntary (Fancy) in D Minor

Orlando Gibbons

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