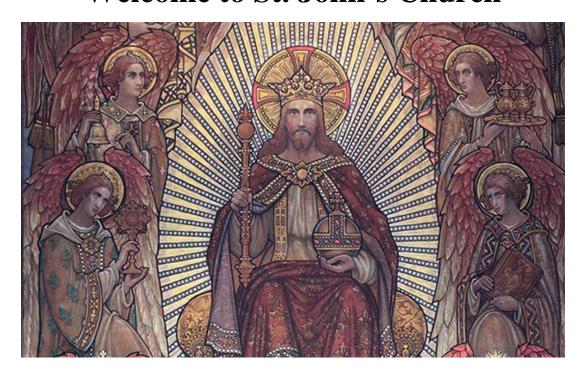
# Welcome to St. John's Church



# The Last Sunday After Pentecost: Christ the King

November 26, 2023 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

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#### **MORNING PRAYER**

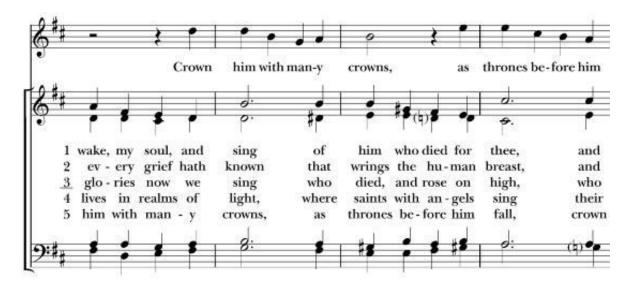
# Organ Prelude Cantantibus Organis

Peter Philips (1561-1628)

Translation: While the musicians played, Cecilia the virgin sang in her heart only to the Lord, saying: 'Lord, let my heart and body remain without stain, that I be not put to shame.'

## The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell





## The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Venite S # 4 Monk



- O come, let us'sing unto the Lord; \*

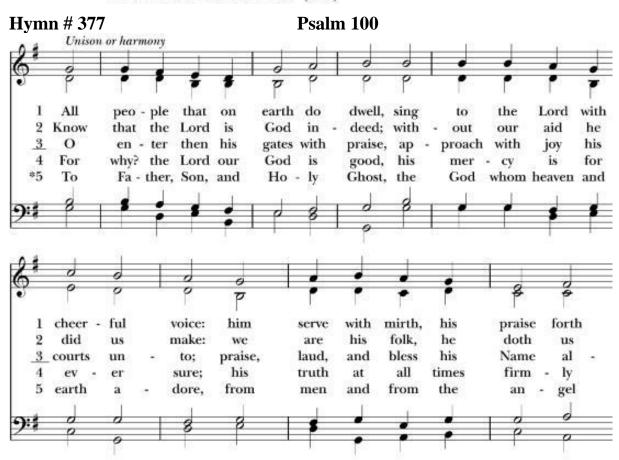
  let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our sal vation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanks giving, \* and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. [Ant.]
- For the Lord is a great God, and a great King a bove all gods.
- In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \* and the strength of the hills is his also.
- 5 The sea is his and he made it, \*
  and his hands pre pared the dry land. [Ant.]

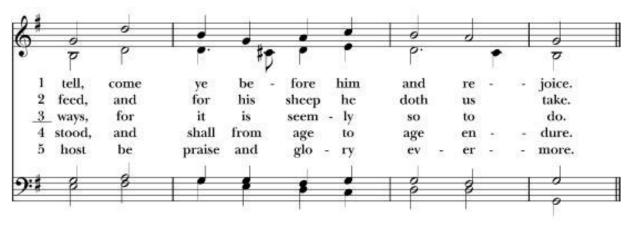
- 6 O come, let us worship and fäll down \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God, \*
  and we are the people of his pasture
  and the sheep of his hand. [Ant.]
- 8 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*\* let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \* and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be added)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the be ginning, is now, \* and will be for ever. A'men. [Ant.]





The Readings

INTRODUCTION: In our Hebrew scripture reading the Lord promises to be the shepherd of the people.

## A Reading from the Scroll of the Prophet 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.

Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Canticle # 4 Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \* for he hath visited and redeemed his people; And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \* in the house of his servant David, As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \* which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, \* and from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \* and to remember his holy covenant; To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, \* that he would give us, That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \* might serve him without fear, *In holiness and righteousness before him,* \* all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \* for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \* for the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God, \* whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us; To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, \* and to guide our feet into the way of peace. 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.

INTRODUCTION: In this second reading, Paul gives thanks for the faith and love of the Ephesian church.

# A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians: (2:1-8)

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..

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

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INTRODUCTION: In our third Reading, Jesus tells the parable of the sheep and the goats.

# A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew: (25:31-46)

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 Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Ann Hodgman, licensed Preacher

# The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

# and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.

People And listen of our prayer.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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 Suffrages

- V. Help us, O God our Savior;
- R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
- V. Look upon your congregation;
- R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
- V. Declare your glory among the nations;
- R. And your wonders among all peoples.
- V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
- R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
- V. Continue your loving kindness to those who know you;
- R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
- V. Satisfy us by your kindness in the morning;
- R. So we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

# The Collect of the Day

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*.

#### A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

# A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our own hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love you: for the honor of your Name. *Amen*.

**Offertory Anthem** Hallelujah George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

An offering to God will be collected during the singing of this anthem.

*Officiant*: Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or aloud in our midst.

## The General Thanksgiving

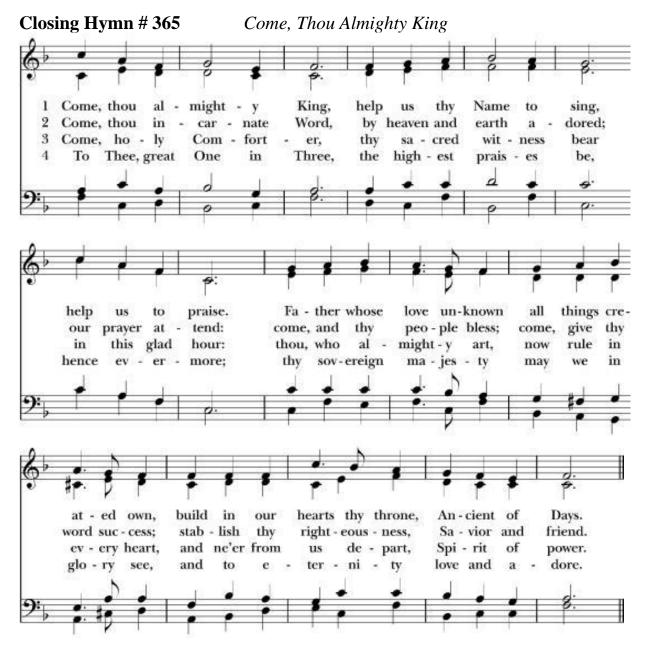
Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.\

#### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen*.

Let us bless the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen*. 2 *Corinthians 13:14* 

#### **Organ Postlude**

#### **Worship Ministers Today:**

Tom Hollinger: 8:00 Officiant Laura Daly: 10:00 Officiant

Tom Brand: Organist & Choirmaster

Ann Hodgman: *Preacher*Jay Bauer: 8:00 Reader
Sara Coles: 10:00 Reader
Laura Daly: Veejay (VJ)

Sara Coles, MB Witt: *Altar Guild* Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Ushers* 

Jill Dilosa, William Cox: Coffee Host

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