

November 22, 2020

10:30 am

**The Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King Sunday**

Welcome

Opening Hymn, “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Charles Wesley, John Darwall

Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore. Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.

Chorus Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice again I say rejoice.

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love. When He had purged our stains He took His seat above. (*Chorus*)

His Kingdom cannot fail, He rules o’er earth and Heaven. The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. (*Chorus*)

He sits at God’s right hand, til all His foes submit. And bow to His command and fall beneath His feet. (*Chorus*)

Rejoice in glorious hope, our Lord the Judge shall come. And take His servants up to their eternal home. (*Chorus*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it:

People ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

Celebrant Our help is in the name of the Lord:

People ***Who made heaven and earth.***

Celebrant I was glad when they said to me:

People ***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***

Celebrant Praise the Lord.

People ***The name of the Lord be praised.***

All ***Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.***

Amen.

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People ***Glory to the Son.***

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People ***Forever Three in One.***

Celebrant Be glorified at home.

People ***Be glorified in church.***

Celebrant Be glorified in Texas.

People ***Be glorified in the United States.***

Celebrant Be glorified on earth.

People ***Be glorified in heaven.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People ***Glory to the Son.***

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People ***Forever Three in One.***

Celebrant Alleluia! *People* ***Amen.***

The Collect for the Last Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King Sunday

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 First Reading, Ezekiel 34:11-20. God, through Ezekiel, declares Himself shepherd and ruler of His people, gathering them, providing for them, protecting them, guiding them, and judging them. All these things He does for us, His sheep, too. A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel:

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And 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 ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

The Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28. At the end of the age, Jesus will appear, the dead shall be raised, and death will be destroyed forever. A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

Sequence Song, “Ancient Words”

Lynn De Shazo

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)

Celebrant We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. Matthew chapter 25 beginning to read at verse 31.

The Gospel, Matthew 25:31-46.

Jesus said ³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will

answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” (ESV)

Celebrant This is the Gospel of Christ.

People ***Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.***

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Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, 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.

Prayer Intercessions

Celebrant Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: Lord, receive the prayers we offer to You.

Psalmist We pray Lord that You guide and govern Your holy church and that You fill it with love and truth; grant it that unity, which is Your will, binding it together with Your Spirit.

All ***That we all may be one in Christ.***

Psalmist Grant that every member of this parish may truly and humbly serve You; Lord help us to be a home for the lost, a shelter for the homeless, a beacon that shines from the top of this hill. Let that beacon not only shine over New Braunfels but Texas and the world.

All ***That Your Name may be glorified by everyone.***

Psalmist We pray for those who suffer from hunger, illness, loneliness, imprisonment, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs. We lift up to You those You have placed on our hearts individually.

All ***Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop; and Clark, our Bishop; fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments.

All ***That they may be faithful ministers of Your word and sacraments.***

Psalmist We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world.

All ***That there may be peace and justice among all.***

Psalmist For the nations of the world that they may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.

All ***Bind them together, O Lord.***

Psalmist We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ; and that they will be comforted by God if their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness.

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

Psalmist Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up Christ Our King Anglican Church, New Braunfels, TX. We ask your anointing upon Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

All ***Strengthen Your people, O Lord.***

Psalmist For the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.

All ***Protect them, O Lord.***

Psalmist We praise You and thank You for Your bountiful blessings. We know it is You who continues to provide for the growth of this City on a Hill. We pray for the continual support and commitment of this parish family who call this their church home.

All ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist Almighty and immortal God, giver of life and health: We implore in your mercy to stop the spread of COVID-19; healing for all infected by the virus, that by your blessing upon them and upon those who minister to them with your healing gifts, they may be restored to health of body and mind, according to your gracious will, and may give thanks to you in your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

Prayer of Penitence

Celebrant Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow Him. If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. *(Luke 9:23-24)*

Come to Me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. *(Matthew 11:28)*

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

All ***Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Celebrant Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. *Amen.*

All ***Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Offertory

Offertory Song, "Evidence"

Ed Cash, Ethan Hulse, Josh Baldwin

All throughout my history Your faithfulness has walked beside me. The winter storms made way for spring. In every season.

Chorus From where I'm standing I see the evidence of Your goodness; all over my life, all over my life. I see Your promises in fulfillment; all over my life, all over my life.

Help me remember when I'm weak. Fear may come but fear will leave. You lead my heart to victory. You are my strength and You always will be. (*Chorus*)

Bridge See the cross, the empty grave. The evidence is endless. All my sin rolled away. Because of You, oh Jesus. (*Repeat 1x, Chorus*)

Doxology

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

Celebrant All things come from you O Lord.
People ***And of your own have we given you.***

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant Is the Father with us?
People ***He is.***
Celebrant Is Christ among us?
People ***He is.***
Celebrant Is the Spirit here?
People ***He is.***
Celebrant This is our God.
People ***Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.***
Celebrant We are His people.
People ***We are redeemed.***
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.***

Celebrant It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad You created Your family; for a burdened people You raised up a leader; for a confused nation You chose a king; for a rebellious crowd You sent Your prophets.

In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Through Your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords; for You have seated Him at your right hand in glory, and put all things in subjection under His feet, that He may present them to You, O Father, perfectly restored in beauty, truth, and love.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing:

“Sanctus”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)

Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. *People remain standing*

Celebrant Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, ‘Take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me’.

People ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

Celebrant In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: 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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

People ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

People ***We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.***

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all.

You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

People ***Amen. Jesus is Lord.***

Celebrant This is the feast of victory!

People ***The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!***

The Communion

Celebrant As our Savior 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.

Celebrant The cup of blessing which we bless,

People is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Celebrant Draw near with faith and receive.

People Christ is the host and we are His guests.

Celebrant Christ is alive for ever.

People We are because He is.

The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to preserve your body and soul unto eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

“O Come To the Altar”

Steven Furtick, Chris Brown, Wade Joye, Mack Brock

Are you hurting and broken within overwhelmed by the weight of your sin, Jesus is calling. Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well, Jesus is calling.

Chorus O come to the altar, The Father’s arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today there’s no reason to wait, Jesus is calling. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy. From the ashes a new life is born, Jesus is calling. (*Chorus x2*)

Communion Songs

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above; I have a strong and perfect plea. A great High Priest whose name is "Love"; Who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands. No tongue can bid me thence depart; no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within. Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free. For God, the Just, is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me; to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb; my perfect, spotless Righteousness; the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace! One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God; with Christ, my Savior and my God.

“King of My Heart”

John Mark McMillan, Sarah McMillan

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run. The fountain I drink from, oh He is my song. Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide. The ransom for my life oh He is my song.

Chorus You are good, good oh. You are good, good oh. You are good, good oh. You are good, good oh.

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails. The anchor in my waves, oh He is my song. Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins. The echo of my days, oh He is my song. (*Chorus*)

Bridge You're never gonna let never gonna let me down (x4)(*Chorus*)

“King of Kings”

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood

In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes to fulfill the law and prophets. To a virgin came the Word. From a throne of endless glory; to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus Praise the Father. Praise the Son. Praise the Spirit three in one. God of Glory, Majesty. Praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost; to redeem the whole creation. You did not despise the cross. For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side knowing this was our salvation. Jesus for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath till that stone was moved for good. For the Lamb had conquered death and the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe; for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored. And the Church of Christ was born; then the Spirit lit the flame. Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood and in His Name; in His freedom I am free; for the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. (*Chorus*)

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn, "Lead On O King Eternal"

Ernest W. Shurtleff, Henry T. Smart

Lead on O King Eternal, the day of march has come. Henceforth in fields of conquest, Thy tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation, Thy grace has made us strong and now O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease and holiness shall whisper, the sweet Amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy, the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on O King Eternal, we follow not with fears for gladness breaks like morning, where'er Thy face appears. Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest, lead on O God of might.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Words of dismissal.

All ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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