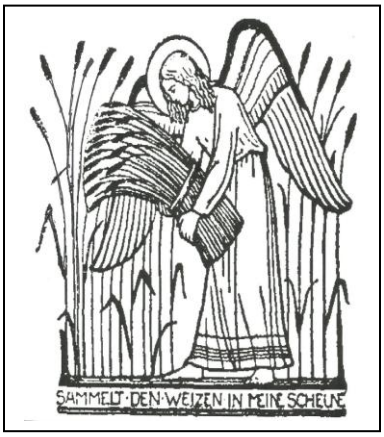
HOLY COMMUNION

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

CHRIST THE KING

November 22, 2026



Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church*! We join as a family of friends receiving Holy Communion every Sunday to empower ministry to our community. We are an inclusive fellowship – without exception. There is a place for you among us at Christ Church. Join with us. All are welcome to receive communion. Speak with the Priest to learn about being baptized.*

For Encouragement: Holy One, please help me to not lose heart. When I look around me, it is easy to get overwhelmed and discouraged. When that happens, I will take heart, because You are renewing me. Help me to remember all the ways You are present through Christ, my Lord. Amen.

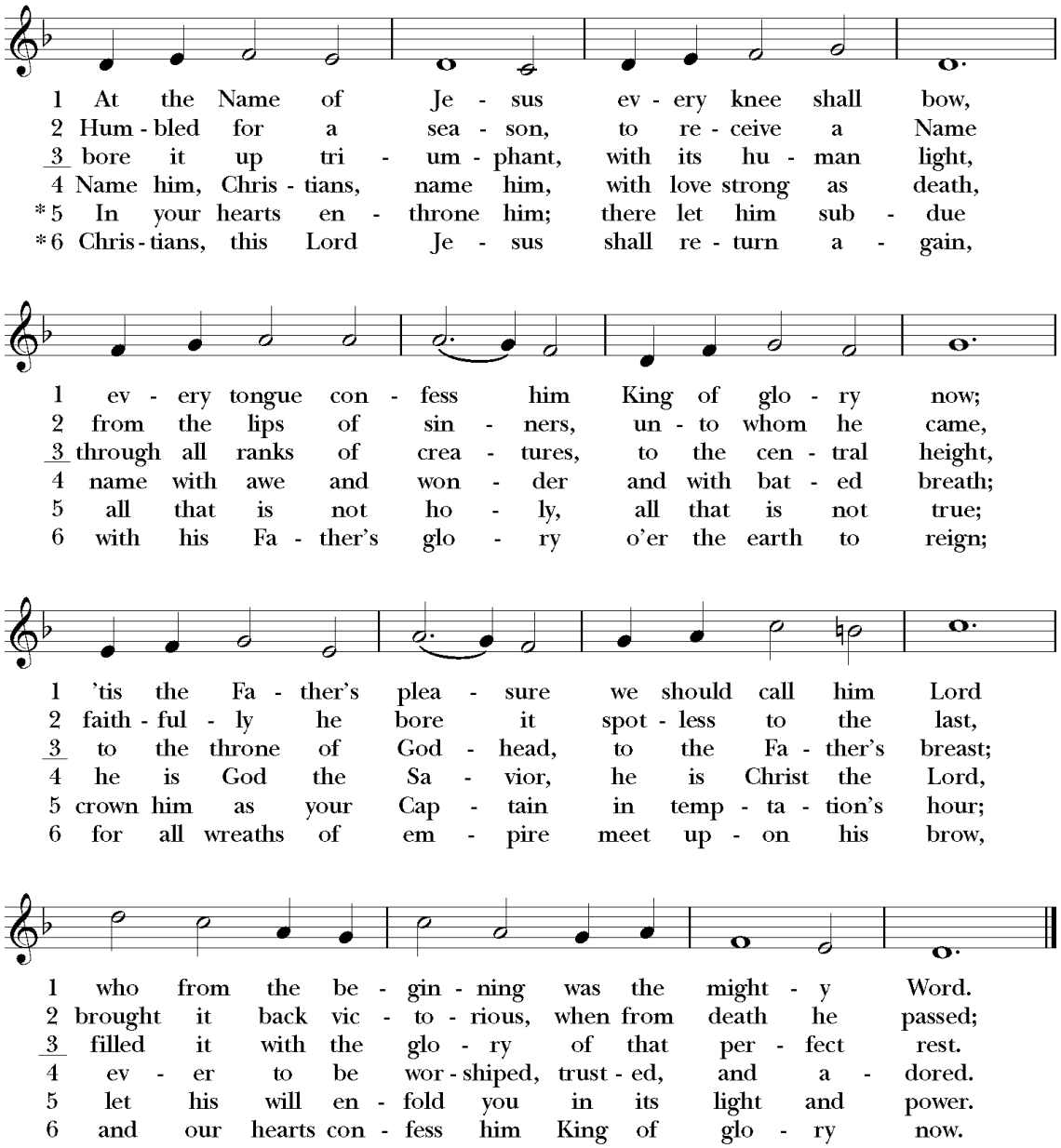
About Holy Communion*: We trust Christ to be truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized persons, children and adults, are welcomed to receive. Stand or kneel at the altar rail with palms extended to receive the wafer to dip into the cup of wine. If you would prefer a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to signal the Priest. (If you would like to learn more about being baptized, speak with Father Emanuel.)*

Mission Statement – At Christ Episcopal Church we gather to worship, pray, sing, and share so together we may serve our community and the world*.*

Voluntary Rejoice, the Lord is King ! Anna Laura Page

(All stand.)

Opening Hymn 435 At the Name of Jesus



Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son+, and Holy Spirit.

People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Collect for Purity

Celebrant:

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.***

Song of Praise Let all things now living



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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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***.

Announcements

A Reading from Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

(Lector)

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**.

(*Silence for reflection follows the reading.)*

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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Psalm 95:1–7a

Venite, exultemus

1 Come, let us sing to the 'LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal'vation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanks'giving *
and raise a loud shout to him with 'psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great 'God, *
and a great King above all 'gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the 'earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his 'also.

5 The sea is his, for he ‘made it, *
and his hands have molded the ‘dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the ‘knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our ‘Maker.

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his ‘hand.

(*Silence for reflection follows the Psalm.)*

A Reading from Ephesians 1:15–23

(Lector)

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(*Silence for reflection follows the reading.)*

(Standing as able)

Sequence Hymn 544 Jesus shall reign



The Gospel **Matthew 25:31–46**

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

People: ***Glory to you, Lord 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People**: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**.*

The Sermon

(Several moments of silence for reflection follow the sermon.)

(Standing, as able.)

The Nicene Creed

Minister: We rise to join in the Nicene Creed.

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 from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 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.

The Prayers of the People

(Silence)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; **For our families**, **friends**, **and neighbors**, **and for those who are alone**.

For the leaders of the nations and for Donald, our President; Henry, our Governor, and for all in authority in our community, that peace through justice prevail and our country remain hospitable, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord**, **have mercy**.

For the homeless, immigrants and prisoners. For the addicted, victims of natural disasters, injustice, and violence; that they may be delivered from their distress. **Lord**, **have mercy**.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth. **Lord**, **have mercy**.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; and Dorsey, Andrew, and Frank, our Bishops retired; and Phil, our Priest; and other ministers; For all who serve God in his Church. **Lord**, **have mercy**.

For those who are sick, in treatment, or recovery, especially **Roberta Lybrand**, **David Walters**, **Robert Taylor**, **Michael Cauthen**, **Dianne Johnson***, **Maxine**, **Rick**, **Michelle**, **Helen**, **Anita Christman***, **Kip Carter***, **David Ford***, **Kristen Phillips**, **Erin Gardner**, **Julie Bowers**, **Melissa McPherson**, **Debbie**, **Cathy**, **Amanda Ford***, **John**, **Kay Lamberton***, **Mildred Wilmot**, **Diane Hood**, **Tric Deaton***, **Fionna**, **Allen**, **Rebecca Bryson**, **Wayne**, **Amelia Davis**, **Mike Lamberton***, **Pam Giardiello***, **Earle Holmes***, **Aubrey Crawford***, **Father Bill Walters**.

Silence
Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great**.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Remembering those celebrating birthdays especially, Mary Bemis, JoAnn Riemann, and Kathy Sistare and those celebrating anniversaries. We pray for Christ Church, Greenville and Christ Church, Lancaster. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord**, **have mercy**.

We pray for all who have died who rest in your loving embrace. *(Names)*

Just and Eternal God, Creator of All: Convince us to work earnestly so the earth remains habitable for present and future generations. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord**, **have mercy**.

Silence

We will exalt and give thanks to you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever**.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you**.

Celebrant:

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***.

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought**, **word**, **and deed**, **by what we have done**, **and by what we have left undone**. **We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves**. **We are truly sorry and we humbly repent**. **For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ**, **have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will**, **and walk in your ways**, **to the glory of your Name**. **Amen**.

Celebrant:

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

(All stand.)

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you**.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence:

Celebrant: I ask you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your true and proper worship. *Romans 12:1*

Anthem at the Offertory: King of glory, King of peace David Charles Walker

(We stand as the offering is presented.)

The Presentation of the Offering

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(The people remain standing.)

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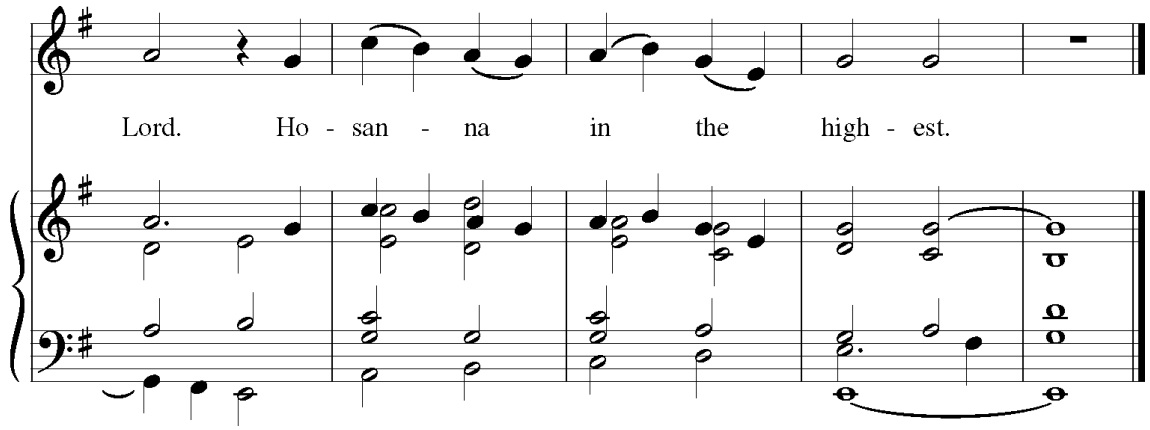


It is right, and a good and joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you. O Lord, Holy Father through Christ our Lord.
For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus WLP 851 Holy, holy, holy





The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, we proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Celebrant and ***People***:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Paul, Barnabas, Lydia, James, John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN***.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Hymn WLP 876



Celebrant: These are Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving. Come for all is prepared.

(The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words.)

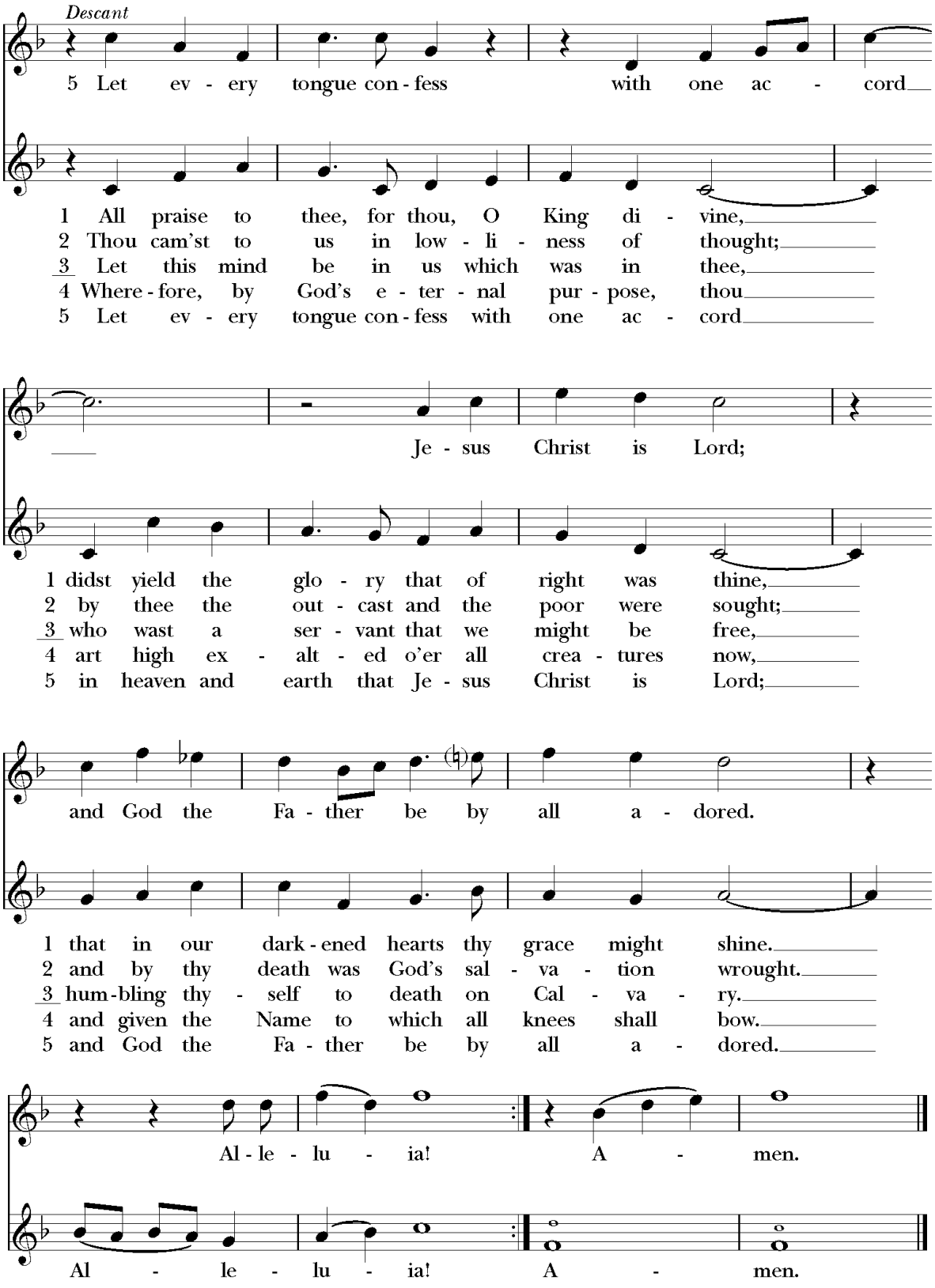
Music During Communion

(Standing or kneeling, as able.)

Post–Communion Prayer

Celebrant and ***People****:*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.


Descant
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord
1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord
Je - sus Christ is Lord;
1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;
and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.
1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.
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The Blessing

Celebrant: May the grace of God uphold you the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you now and always. ***Amen***.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

People: ***Thanks be to God***.

TODAY

Many thanks to Bart & Caroline Oliver for setting up the Thanksgiving Altar.

Beginning today we will start collecting money for the annual staff love offering for Christmas. Please take a moment and consider donating as we show our appreciation for our church staff and all they do. We will be collecting donations through Sunday, December 20th.

There are still a few pledge cards that were not picked up last week. **Please see the Ushers if you did not get one**.

The office will be closed Thursday, November 26th.

The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, December 6th and the 2027 pledges will be dedicated.

THIS WEEK

Fellowship/Discussion Group meets each Monday at 4:00 pm.

Support Group meets Mondays 5:30 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am

Church/Nave is Reserved for Rehearsals every Saturday from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Choir practice every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2026 Pledge and Plate Budgeted: $100,000.00

Pledge and Plate Budgeted monthly: $8,333.00

Pledge & Plate Received as of October 31, 2026: $6,702.94 Priest Discretionary: $73.00

This does not include any designated contributions such as EDUSC, HOPE, Sheltered, Ray's, etc.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November 23rd – Mary Bemis

November 24th – Joann Riemann

November 27th – Kathy Sistare

PARISH PRAYER LIST

(* Denotes member) (**Please contact office to add/remove names**)

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PARTICIPATING TODAY

DATE	L E M	ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER	USHERS/ GREETERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR
Sunday, November 22, 2026	Linda Baker	Ernest Jenkins	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Ernest Jenkins & Nicki Robertson	Nicki Robertson & Philip McGuirt	Caroline Oliver

Priest: Phil Emanuel, Parish Musician: Dana Lee Walters, Security: Ernest Jenkins

PARTICIPANTS NEXT SUNDAY

DATE	L E M	ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER	USHERS/ GREETERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR
Sunday, November 29, 2026	Caroline Oliver	Ernest Jenkins	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Kathy Sistare & Joan Crawford	Nicki Robertson & Philip McGuirt	Kay Lamberton

Father Emanuel is available for conversation regarding matters of faith and life at a place of your choosing and at times by appointment. He may be reached via the following: orionrigelstar@gmail.com or 843-325-3362.

SERMON: Copies of the sermon are on the table across from The Gathering Space.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

HOPE: Shelf stable milk (store brand is fine) grits, beef stew, mixed vegetables, sweet peas, jelly, boxed instant potatoes, canned meats, dry beans, juice (any type.) Please remember HOPE prefers plastic containers. Place your donated items in the shopping cart. Grocery bags are also needed. There are so many that are in need of basic food items.

Sheltered of Lancaster: Sheltered is a non-profit in Lancaster, SC with the goal of providing housing, showers, food and other needs for members of our community. Please contact Jamie Miller at 803-287-7443 if you would like to volunteer at one of their events. Christ Church supports this ministry by individual contributions. **Items needed**: **Gatorade**, **Sodas**, **Can food** (**pop tops only**), **Hygiene items**: **Towel**, **Tooth brush**, **Deodorant**, **Shampoo**, **2-gallon zip lock bags**, **Please bring any items to our office**. **713 S Main Street Monday**, **Tuesday**, **Wednesday 9am-noon and Monday-Friday 1pm-5pm**.

Cans for Kitties Project: Please remove labels and separate aluminum from steel cans, (**we are no longer accepting aluminum cans**) bag them and place them in the labeled green trash bin located beside the storage building behind the church. This ministry benefits our feline friends by providing spay/neuter services for cats.

The Epistle of Barnabas Writer Unknown

(**Ca. First--Second Century**)

In the days before the Nicene Creed, the Epistle of Barnabas, another one of the "Apostolic Fathers," was a popular, well known, and often cited in the early centuries of Christianity. One of our oldest and most important manuscripts of the New Testament, Codex Sinaiticus (ca. A.D. 375), includes it among its writings.

One scholar writes why we no longer affirm its once important contents: "The Epistle of Barnabas maintains that the Jewish people broke their covenant with God as soon as they received it and since then have misunderstood their own Scriptures and mis-practiced their religion; only followers of Jesus are God's people, and the Old Testament is a Christian, not a Jewish, book." –B. Ehrman.

Though important in the discussion among the Early Church fathers, the Epistle of Barnabas is polemical and denigrates Jewish teaching and culture. Though the Old Testament is the context out of which Christianity grew, the notion that the Old Testament is not a Jewish book is not tenable.

Bishop of the Diocese of Upper S. C.

The Right Reverend Daniel P. Richards

Priest

The Reverend Philip G. Emanuel

Parish Musician

Dana Lee Walters

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Linda Baker and Wayne Johnson

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