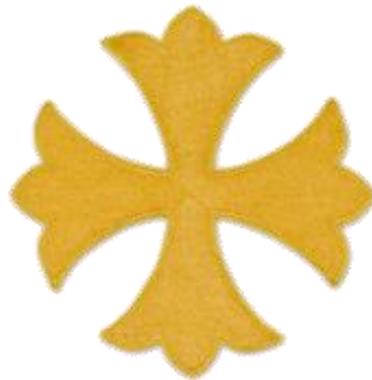


**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

*"To Know Christ's Love and To Make It Known."*



**+ The Table +**

*Christ the King Sunday*  
November 22, 2020

**The Word**

We have come to worship;

**We have come in the name of Christ the King.**

The joy of the Lord Jesus be with you all!

**And also with you!**

WE WELCOME EACH OTHER

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Most holy God, by your Spirit encouraging us, and the love of Christ enabling us, may we worship you with the enthusiasm born of true love. We join our voices with the millions who this day praise the name of Jesus from every nation on earth, and with the great host of heavenly souls whose praise and love fills the universe and flows far beyond all time and space. Glory be to you forever! Through Christ our King.**

**Amen!**

A reading from 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew      Matthew 25:31-46  
**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."

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Angela M. Cortiñas

THE PRAYERS

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.

Silence

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

Silence

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of this country. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

Silence

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Silence

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you.

**Hear the prayers of your people. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God.

**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.**

The Lord our God says: "I will seek the lost. I will bring back the strayed. I will bind up the injured and I will strengthen the weak." Indeed the Lord is good. God's love and mercy are forever. Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATION

Walk in love as Christ loves us, an offering and sacrifice to God

### **The Table**

GATHERING & PREPARING TABLE INSTRUMENTAL

*Led by Mike Pilant*

Let us lift up our hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for your love is forever, faithful from age to age.

You are our maker, to who we belong, for you created the earth and you shepherd all who live in it. When your people were scattered and oppressed, you promised through your prophets to gather them home and feed them on the rich pasture of their own land.

In your child, Jesus, the promises have been fulfilled: a shepherd king who seeks the lost and binds up the wounded. When he was killed, you raised him from the dead and seated him at your side in the heavenly places. Now your immeasurable power is at work in us who believe to clothe us in compassion and righteousness so that we might be fit for the kingdom which you prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Therefore we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Thomas and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**AMEN.**

As Christ teaches us, we pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.  
**Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

**+++ All are invited to share in the banquet of Christ's Table. +++**

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Led By: Mike Pilant*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray,

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SENDING OUT/BLESSING

Go now, and embrace the hope to which God has called us.  
Recognise Christ in friend and stranger,  
and as Christ has been gracious to you,  
so be gracious to those in need.

And may God give you a place of rest on rich pasture;  
May Christ Jesus be the shepherd king who binds your wounds;  
And may the Holy Spirit give you wisdom  
and reveal to you the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

CLOSING MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL

*Led by: Mike Pilant*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## **St. Thomas Prayer List**

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

("Prayer for Those We Love," Book of Common Prayer 831)

### **For Healing & Support**

Roger Smith David (Kerr)  
Helen Phillips & Family  
Nancy Mason  
Shelby Lee (Niles)  
Michael Kelley (Hill)  
Quinn Kennedy Weigand (Glover)  
Bonnie Harris-Reynolds  
Sue Muckleroy (Martha)  
Jerry Cornforth (Allen)  
Qwinley  
Joyce Gorzycki  
Emma Dahmann and family (STELC)  
Shirley Rawlinson (Krinhop)  
Mark Oakland  
Woody Isenhardt  
Johnnie Gulig (Carter)  
Bryan Ford  
Charlie Van Eman (STELC)  
Jill Gray  
Linda Duncan (Martha)  
Nancy Nelson  
Kay & Steve Parker  
Mackie Bobo-White

The Bond Family  
Steve & Virginia Bate (Elbert)  
Noelle Harris  
Charlotte McKenzie  
Douglas Jensen (STELC)  
Phillip Y. (STELC)  
Joey Pomykal  
Tate Doyle (Montgomery)  
Linda Duncan (Martha)  
Johnnie Gulig (Carter)  
Judi Stewart (Love)  
Mary Oxley

### **Military Service & Traveling**

Brent Owen  
Andrew Brink (Hill)  
Shane Flores (McKenzie)  
Blane Theeck  
Nathan Tyron (Rueschhoff)  
Tanner Johnson (Krinhop)  
Rob & Andrea Holt (Holt)  
John Harrison  
Shane Baker (Parker)  
Christian Walker (Niles)

### **Community**

For the Church Pantry and the Food Bank and all they feed during this Thanksgiving holiday.

### **Serving in today's liturgy:**

Celebrant: Rev. Angela Cortiñas  
Preacher: Rev. Angela Cortiñas  
Worship Musician: Mike Pilant  
A/V Crew: Lance & Joe Cotton