

A Service of Liturgy of the Word

The Last Sunday after Pentecost, November 22, 2020

The Feast of Christ the King

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Welcome to St. Francis' Episcopal Church where all are accepted and valued!

Our Sunday worship service will be available for you to share in, beginning at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday, on Facebook and Zoom.

This copy of the bulletin contains everything needed for today's worship. You are encouraged to respond and sing out loud with those who are gathered with you.

Prelude

Welcome from the Vicar

Following the welcome, one bell will ring to call all to prayer.

Gathering Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

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1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor, first-begotten from the dead.
Thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus, true and living bread! Jesus, true and living bread!
2. Life-imparting heavenly Manna, smitten Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Risen, ascended, glorified! Risen, ascended, glorified!

Opening Acclamations

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

People **Blessed be our God. For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Officiant reads the following

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. 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 commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-3

Confession of Sin

Deacon

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Song of Praise

A Song of God's Love

1 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us,

that God sent his only Son into the world,

so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us

and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, and God's love will be perfected in us.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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 Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson

The Lector says

A reading from the Book of 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.

The Response

Psalm 100

The Lector reads the first line then all say the remainder of the psalm together.

1 May all lands be joyful before you, O God,*

Serve you with gladness and come before your presence with a song.

2 For we know that you are God;

You yourself have made us, and we are yours; we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

3 We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving, go into your courts with praise,

Give thanks to you and call upon your Name.

4 For you are good; your mercy is everlasting,

And your faithfulness endures from age to age.

The New Testament Lesson

The Lector says

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

1:15-23

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 the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Hymn

The King of Glory Comes

MHSO 90

Refrain: The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

1. Who is the King of glory? What shall we call him?

He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

Refrain

2. He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;

he took upon himself the sin of the nations.

Refrain

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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 our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti

To allow for your personal reflection, a time of silence will be kept following the sermon.

The Blessing of Pledges

Officiant

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

People

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

The Deacon invites all to recite the historic words of 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

Deacon

Through our baptism we have been raised with Christ, ordained to a royal priesthood; and made citizens in a holy nation. As members of the priesthood of all believers, let us intercede for all the world saying: grant our prayer.

Intercessor

Blessed are you, our sovereign God: for you do not abandon what you have created but continue to make your grace known among us. We thank you for those you have chosen to speak your reconciling word in this age, and we pray for the grace to receive it. We pray for all leaders of your universal Church, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Deon our Bishop, Laurie our vicar, and Rebecca our deacon; for the ministry of the chaplains, staff & volunteers at the Episcopal City Mission; in the Diocese of Missouri for Bishop Deon Johnson and his family; and for Sunday School for the youth of Lui Diocese. God of grace,
Grant our prayer.

Blessed are you, our God of compassion: for you hear the cries of the poor, you see the tears in the eyes of all who mourn, you feel the pain of those in anguish, and you come to the side of the lonely. You call your church to compassion and service. God of grace,
Grant our prayer.

Blessed are you, our God of peace: for you have bid us to make warfare cease and to place your trust in you who bore us up on eagle's wings. Raise up among us peacemakers, and those who work for justice and peace by giving them courage, vision, and strength. For

those who police our streets and first responders; for those who speak out against systemic racism and social injustices. God of grace,

Grant our prayer.

Blessed are you, our God of justice: for you desire that all be one. Erase the prejudice and class divisions that plague our nation that together we might share in your vision of harmony. We pray for our elected officials that they may be filled with a desire to embrace truth and righteousness as they exercise their duties of office. God of grace,

Grant our prayer.

Blessed are you, our God of strength: for you do not desire harm, but you favor our health. Give to your people the necessary measures of health, patience, and hope. We pray for our homebound parishioners Noel and Jack, and ask for your spirit of healing for Roger, Ernie, Rosie, Paul, Mary, and Arlene. We also remember Kenny, Virginia, Nancy, Beth, Linda Rose, Fr. Al and Deacon Dayna, and Melissa, as well as others who are afflicted with COVID 19. God of grace,

Grant our prayer.

Blessed are you, our God of life and love: we pray to you for those we love but see no longer, especially parishioners Vernon Alexander and Darla Becker, and Lela Deane, Jackie Selle's grandmother. May light perpetual shine upon them where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints. Help us also, to remember that in both life and death we are ever surrounded by your love. God of grace,

Grant our prayer.

At this time, I bid your intercessions and prayers of thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

For all who are viewing virtually, you will be "unmuted" at this time to offer your biddings of joy, concern, or thanksgiving.

Officiant

Grant these petitions, O God, according to your perfect will, that your holy name be praised and proclaimed until that day when all the faithful shall gather before your throne in heaven, through the merits of Christ the King.

Amen.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Drive-In Service

It is happening! Join us this Wednesday evening at 7pm for Socially distanced Eucharist from the comfort of your car! The service of Holy Eucharist will happen live in the parking lot and the sound will be broadcast to you from within the warmth of your car by your FM radio station. Eucharistic wafers (enclosed in plastic bags days prior to the service for COVID safety) will be brought to your car window by clergy who will be wearing masks and using hand sanitizer. Please bring canned goods for the Eureka Food Bank. Join us!

St. Francis' Church Stewardship Campaign

This is our last Sunday to bless the gifts that God had given to you and that you share with this community. We are grateful for everyone's generosity to our Stewardship Campaign! Our final blessing of stewardship gifts will be at our Thanksgiving Eve service.

Morning Prayer

Join us on Facebook Monday and Friday for morning prayer at 8:30am. Please note, there is no Wednesday morning prayer moving forward because we are offering Wednesday Eucharist.

Communication

We now offer the Friday Weekly Worship bulletin with all worship offerings for the coming week. We are working on a Wednesday newsletter with other community news. Please be patient as we work to bring this to life.

Pastoral Care

In November, please direct any pastoral care matters to Deacon Rebecca by [email](#) or phone (number listed on the last page of the bulletin).

Church Offices closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations this week:

Birthdays:	Linda Doolittle	November 22
	Paul Jokerst	November 26

Anniversaries: Ann & Jack Doerr

November 24

Becky & Wade Hall

November 24

Doris & Bob Schaefer

November 25

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Blessing

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

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- I. Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name

2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid:
by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood:
opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.
3. Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive;
highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise;
help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

The Dismissal

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED, NOW LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!

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### **Prayer Lists**

Our homebound parishioners: Noel and Jack

Our parishioners: Roger, Ernie, Rosie, Paul, and Mary

Weekly Prayer Rota: Elaine, Anne, Michael, & Tim, and Jim

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For Bishop Deon Johnson and his family

Companion Diocese of Lui, South Sudan: For Sunday School for the youth of Lui Diocese

For those committed to our ongoing prayers: Deaconess Anne House interns; those discerning a call to ordained ministry; the ministry of the chaplains, staff, volunteers at Episcopal City Mission, and the youth in detention and their families; patients, families, & communities affected by substance use disorders; those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases; those who serve in our military; those who are affected by COVID-19

For those who have asked for prayers: For Kenny, Virginia, Nancy, Beth, Linda Rose, Fr. Al & Deacon Dayna, and Melissa; first responders, healthcare professionals, and educators who continue to work during this pandemic; medical researchers searching for a vaccine for COVID-19

For those who have died and those who mourn: For parishioners Vernon Alexander, who died October 22, and Darla Becker, who died November 16; for Lela Deane, Jackie Selle's grandmother who died November 17; for those who have suffered loss from natural disasters across our country; for the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty in 2020 and their families; and for the youth in St. Louis who have suffered directly from gun violence this year and those whose lives were lost and their families

### Readings for next Sunday—November 29, 2020

#### The First Sunday of Advent

[All of these readings can be found online by clicking here.](#)

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

### Today's Ministers of Worship

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|-------------|---------------------------|
| Officiant   | The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti |
| Deacon      | The Ven. Rebecca Barger   |
| Musician    | Cheryl Foster             |
| Lector      | Della Thompson            |
| Intercessor | Bob Smith                 |
| Livestream  | Paul Jokerst              |

### Lectionary Year A Daily Office Year 2

The Liturgy of the Word is from The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), *Enriching Our Worship 1* (EOW), and The Saint Helena Psalter. Scripture readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version bible.

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### The Schedule for The Week

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|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, November 22                                   | 9:30 am<br>10:15 am | Adult Forum—Religious Movements in America<br>Liturgy of the Word                                      |
| Monday, November 23                                   | 8:30 am             | Morning Prayer—Facebook live                                                                           |
| Wednesday, November 25                                | 7:00 pm             | Thanksgiving Eve Drive-In Eucharist<br><i>Please bring canned goods for the local Eureka food bank</i> |
| Thursday, November 26<br><i>CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED</i> |                     | Thanksgiving Day                                                                                       |
| Friday, November 27<br><i>CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED</i>   | 8:30 am<br>10:00 am | Morning Prayer—Facebook live<br>Bible Study--via Zoom                                                  |
| Sunday, November 29<br>1st Sunday of Advent           | 9:30 am<br>10:15 am | Adult Forum—Religious Movements in America, cont.<br>Liturgy of the Word                               |

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all! In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27.

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The Bishop's Committee

Jackie Selle, *Bishop's Warden* Donna Bernert, *Junior Warden*
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Starbuck, Paul Jokerst, Michael Booker, *Alternate*

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