Christ the King
(Last Sunday after Pentecost)
November 22, 2026



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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude Prelude on Marosa Gilbert M. Martin

Hymn 435 **At the Name of Jesus**

The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant and People: 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.

S278 Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: 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.**

Hebrew Reading 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 100

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Epistle 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 616 (vv. 1-3) Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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

Hymn 616 (vv. 4-5) Hail to the Lord's Anointed

The Sermon **The Rev. Dr. Richard Effinger**

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

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 worshipped 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 (Form VI) BCP p. 392

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 this community, the nation, and the world.
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Rick, our priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for all the conflicts in the world and especially the people living in danger, fear and uncertainty, that hostilities may cease and there may be peace with justice for all God's children.

(Silence)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Remembering especially those we may name now, either silently or aloud, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

(Silence)

Celebrant and People:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

The Peace BCP p. 360

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

(Share a greeting, a wave, a nod with your fellow parishioners.)

Announcements and Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Offertory The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Mark Schweizer

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S125

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

(*Stand or kneel as you are able.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our 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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymn S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn 460 **Alleluia! sing to Jesus!**

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Celebrant and People:
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 555 **Lead on, O King eternal**

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Allelulia.
People: **Thanks be to God. Allelulia.**

Postlude In Dulci Jubilo James Pethel

Thank you for worshiping with us today

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Read more in the eNews)

Fellowship

We joyfully welcome Fr. Rick back with open arms and grateful hearts! He will be with us throughout the holiday season and into 2027.

Please join us for fellowship after the service. It's a wonderful time to enjoy each other's company and have something light to eat.

Thanksgiving Service and Dinner, Wednesday, November 25th, 5:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving is upon us. We will once again have our Service of Gratitude and Thanksgiving in the church followed by our parish Thanksgiving dinner in the Parish Hall. We look forward to celebrating this wonderful event with our church family and friends. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

The Chosen, Tuesday, December 8th, 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we watch the Christmas episodes together. We'll begin Season 4 in the new year.

Pledge cards are available in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for the upcoming year and return your cards to the office by December 6. Thank you.

November and December Outreach

As we enter the holiday season, the need for non-perishable food donations at Hope Villages is especially great. Your generosity helps provide comfort and nourishment to our neighbors in need during this special time of year. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and continued support!

Altar Flower Donations

Honor or remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with altar flowers. Dedications will be included in the bulletin. Sign-up sheets and donation envelopes are available in the narthex. Suggested minimum donation: $25.

Pastoral Care Available

If you would like to talk about the future of Good Samaritan Church, please call or text me to arrange a time to meet at the church or connect by FaceTime or WhatsApp.

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(Cover Painting)

Triptych of Earthly Vanity and Divine Salvation
Hans Memling (c. 1485)

Hans Memling (c. 1430–1494), a leading Early Netherlandish painter, united artistic beauty with spiritual reflection. Born in Seligenstadt, Germany, he likely trained under Rogier van der Weyden before settling in Bruges in 1465. There, his serene figures, delicate naturalism, and luminous landscapes earned him considerable wealth and recognition. His membership in a religious confraternity also places him within the city's Catholic devotional life.

These artistic and religious interests converge in his Triptych of Earthly Vanity and Divine Salvation (c. 1485). Painted in oil on oak, its three double-sided panels measure roughly eight by five inches each. Images of a mirror-gazing nude, Death, and Hell contrast earthly pleasures with their eternal consequences. The cover of this bulletin, is the reverse of the central panel, and depicts Christ as the Savior of the World, surrounded by musical angels. The work's intimate scale invites personal prayer and reflection on mortality and salvation.

Christ's presence also connects the painting to the celebration of Christ the King at the close of the liturgical year. Earthly beauty and possessions fade, but his kingdom endures. Although Memling painted it centuries before the feast was established, the work invites viewers to contemplate Christ's eternal sovereignty and place their hope in him.

Like Memling's Last Judgment and Shrine of St. Ursula, this small devotional painting joins beauty with a call to faith. His achievement inspired chronicler Rombout de Doppere to praise him upon his death as the finest painter in Christendom.