



Feast of Christ the King

November 26, 2023

TRINITY CHURCH IN NORTHERN BERGEN COUNTY

Worship in the Beauty of Holiness ✠ Service and Hospitality in the Name of Christ

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RINGING OF BELL

The Angelus

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All Stand

OPENING HYMN

Crown him with many crowns

Hymnal 494

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

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

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST (Hymnal S202)

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

All Sit

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

PSALM 95:1-7a

Venite, exultemus

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

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.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

All Stand

SEQUENCE HYMN

Father eternal, Ruler of creation

Hymnal 573

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

V: Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia!

R: Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia!

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.*

HOMILY

All Stand

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.**

People remain standing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM IV)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless and watch over all service members, including Adam, Nick, Jason, Elizabeth, Quintin, Matt and David, and canines that are serving in this country's armed services.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Nicole, Martie, Michael, Jim, Lorraine, Laura, Bridget, Ed, Joanne, Russ, Sherry, Margie, Blaise, Lynette, Chris, Chuck, Debby, Greg, Ed, Carol, Claudia, Jackie, and Greg; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

✠ We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may come to share with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant concludes:

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 OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel, as are able

ALL: **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 our sins through Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

THE BLESSING OF PLEDGE CARDS

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving: we now bring before you these pledge cards which represent our labor, our lives, and our dreams. The commitments 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, and for all we have been challenged to become, in this place.

Offering up these pledges to you together with our whole selves, our souls, and bodies, we ask you to bless them ✠ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May these gifts serve for the honor and glory of your name, the service of your people, and the building up of your Kingdom; and may we be empowered to go forth as your heralds, your servants, and your hands, that through the witness and ministry of this parish, the world may know your healing and transforming Love. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love as Christ loved us and give himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

All Stand

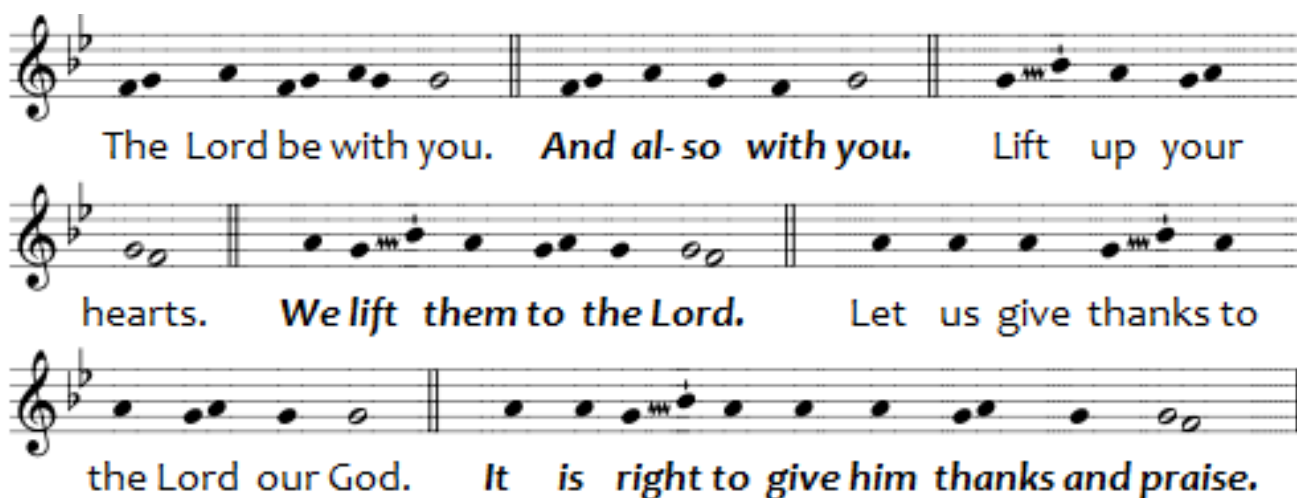
OFFERTORY HYMN

At the name of Jesus

Hymn 435

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer B



The Lord be with you. *And al-so with you.* Lift up your
hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.* Let us give thanks to
the Lord our God. *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.

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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:

Celebrant and People: (Hymnal S130)

**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.

All kneel as the Celebrant continues

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.

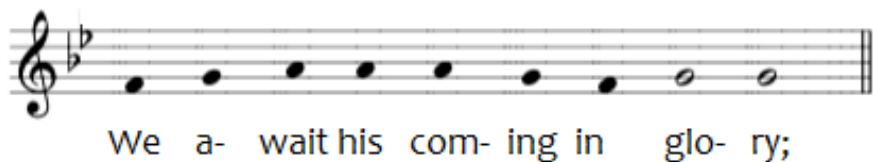
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

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,



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 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 forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People & Celebrant: ***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. Then is said,

Christ our Pass-o- ver is sac- ri- ficed for us.

There- fore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI (Hymnal S164)

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

The Celebrant says the following invitation

The 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

- ☞ *All baptized Christians, regardless of their church affiliation, status, or standing, are invited to come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament of Our Lord's Body and Blood.*
- ☞ *Intinction (dipping the Host into the Chalice) is **not** our practice at this time: all are invited to either share in drinking from the Cup or to **revere** the Precious Blood by approaching the chalice and bowing their heads.*
- ☞ *If you do not wish or are not able to receive the Blessed Sacrament, you are welcome and invited to participate, regardless of denomination or religion, by coming forward with your arms crossed over your chest in order to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing from the priest. You are always very welcome to inquire about receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

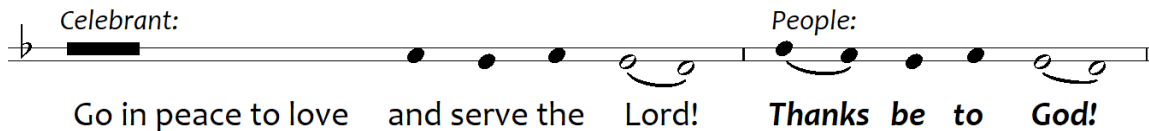
The people may kneel

Let us pray.

Celebrant & 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.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL



CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymnal 460

Announcements

Lessons and Carols Service and Advent Potluck Dinner - December 16th 5:00PM

Advent Study

Fr. Raul is leading an Advent book-study. The book is *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. For more information or to participate please email Fr. Raul at frraulausa@gmail.com.

Compassionate Outreach

St. Paul's Men's Shelter- The 2024 schedule for providing meals for the St. Paul's Men's Shelter is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help with this important part of our outreach ministry, on the 3rd Thursday of each month. You can also call and leave a message or email Lana with your requested date, or contact Donna Speizer.

CFA - The theme for **December** is gift cards for families: Grocery gift cards, Walmart, Kohls, Marshalls, Target

Community Thrift Shop

The Shop continues to be open for shopping on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. They're ready for holiday shopping! Donations are accepted on Mondays only from 9:00 am to 12 noon! Mark your two allowed bags with the #66.

Contact Janet with any questions. 201-857-0809 or zacjj67@aol.com.

Memorial/Thanksgiving Flower Offerings for CHRISTMAS!!

We are now taking Memorial/Thanksgiving Flower Offerings for **CHRISTMAS!!**

Please fill out an envelope found on the table in the narthex with your memorial or thanksgiving requests you want included in the bulletins of our Christmas services and enclose a check for \$35.00 made payable to: St. Mary's Altar Guild. Or call send an email to Lana and pay online. In order to ensure all requests are included in Christmas bulletins we are asking for them to be done **no later than Sunday, December 17th.**