

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
 seat-ed at the righthand of the Fa ther: re-ceive our prayer.
 Organ For you a-lone are the ho - ly one.
 You a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

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.*

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

The Choir sings

Psalm 93 *Dominus regnavit*

Chant: Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel;
the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved;
Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.
The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

The Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 481 *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Hymnal 1982

The Gospel is carried to the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.

The Gospel Reading

John 18:33-37

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

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Once the Book of Gospels has returned to its place of honor, the People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Homily

Ruth Beresford

Please stand for

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God:

People ***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.***

A member of the parish leads

The Prayers of the People

Gathered by the Holy Spirit and renewed in the Word, let us pray to God for the needs of the world.

Gracious God, we offer thanks and praise for all the blessings of our lives; for family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us; for the wonder of life and the mystery of love. We thank you for your whole creation, so beautiful and bounteous, given for us to share, to preserve and protect. We are your stewards, O God.

Lead us in your love.

Give your wisdom to the leaders of the nations, especially our president, Joe, and president-elect, Donald, that there may be peace and provision for all people. We pray for nations and neighbors at war or in conflict, for victims of violence, people in poverty, and all who search for safety. Give your blessing to all veterans and for those who serve now; for peace in our nation, our region, and the City of Wilmington. Hold us together in your great goodness. We want your peace, O God.

Lead us in your love.

We thank you for giving the Church your Spirit's power. We pray for Sean, our presiding bishop, and for Kevin, our bishop. We give thanks for our parish ministries and our outreach partner, N. Strengthen, bless, and guide us to make Jesus known by word and example. We are your Church, O God.

Lead us in your love.

Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people—in those familiar to us and those who are different from us. Teach us to use our talents to welcome and bless all your children. We are made in your image, O God.

Lead us in your love.

Lord, comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble. We pray for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, for those who have asked our prayers, especially N., and those we name now [*aloud or silently, we offer intentions*]. Let them discover your love through the care and support of others. We are your children, O God.

Lead us in your love.

We pray for those who have died, especially N., and loved ones we remember, N. May they surround your heavenly throne in glory and may those who grieve find peace and strength in you. In you alone we have eternal life, O God.

Lead us in your love.

Celebrant God of grace, as you are ever at work in your creation, so fulfill your wise and loving purpose in us and in all for whom we pray, that with them and in all that you have made, your glory may be revealed and the whole earth give praise to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

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

People *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.

The Celebrant declares the absolution.

Please be seated for

Christ Church Chorister Ceremony

Rector It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

People *For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.*

Director of Choristers

I present N. to receive medals for their attainment of standards set by the Royal School of Church Music.

Medals are presented to choristers.

Rector May the Lord bless your achievement that you may sing his praise today, tomorrow, and for ever.

People ***Amen.***

Please stand for

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and Preparation of the Table

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering. Giving money is a sign that our life serves God's purposes and expresses our gratitude for God's many blessings. The ushers will receive the offering and present it on our behalf. Also, you may give online or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368. For those who give electronically, a card is available in the pews to participate in the act of offering. Newcomers and guests may place the welcome card in the offering plate.

Anthem

Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 380, v. 3 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 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 God thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus.

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:

Organ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying
 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

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 for ever. ***Amen.***

The Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

The Lord's Prayer

***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

We sing the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.

Organ Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our pass-ov - er is
 sa - cri - ficed for us; There fore let us keep the feast. Al - le -
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. Come up the center aisle and take your place along the altar rail, kneeling or standing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intent. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free host is available; let the clergy know your need when they approach you. When you are presented with the cup, drink from it or dip the bread carefully into the cup and consume in both kinds together. If you do not wish to receive the cup, please cross your arms to indicate your intent, but wait for the minister to pass you before you leave the rail. Please use the side aisle to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Father, hear the prayer we offer: not for ease that prayer shall be;
but for strength, that we may ever live our lives courageously.
Be our strength in hours of weakness; in our wanderings, be our guide;
through endeavor, failure, danger, Father, be thou at our side.

Communion Hymn 324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Hymnal 1982

Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant In thanksgiving, let us pray.

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.***

Sending Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts; that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People ***We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.***

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People ***Amen.***

All sing

Hymn in Procession 544 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Voluntary *Litanies*, JA 119

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with joy. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.



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