

Order of Service: The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King

November 22, 2020

Prelude *Come, Thou Almighty King*

arr. Mark Hayes
Dr. Gukhui Han, piano

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

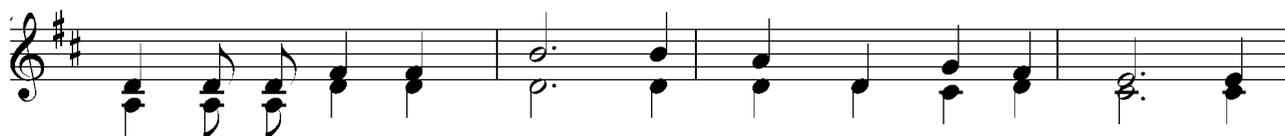
People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Collect for Purity *(people muted)*

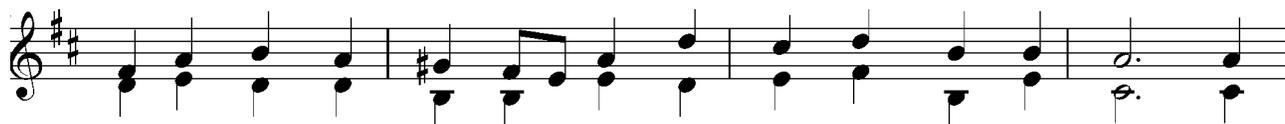
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn *Crown him with many crowns*
(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)

Diademata



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and



1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his



1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who



1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Collect of the Day *(people muted)*

Celebrant God 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.**

A Reading *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (people muted)*

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.

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

Psalm 95:1-7 Video

Venite

Sung by the St Teilo Singers at Choral Mattins at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on 26th August, 2012.

Conductor: Christopher Maxim

The Gospel *Matthew 25:31-46 (people muted)*

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.”

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

Anthem *O God Beyond All Praising*

Gustav T. Holst arr. Rodney Abriol

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
And sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
Foe we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
At blessings without number
and mercies without end;

We lift our hearts before your
and wait upon your Word,
We honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.
Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor
may serve you as our King.

And whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty
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The Sermon *(people muted)*

Jon Achee, Diocesan Intern

Silence follows the sermon.

Music *Schafe können sicher weiden*

Johann Sebastian Bach
George Bullock, Cello & Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano

Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed*
(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully.)

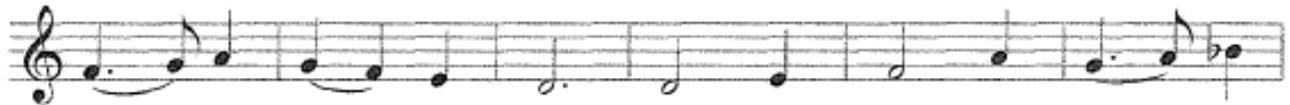
Abbot's Leigh



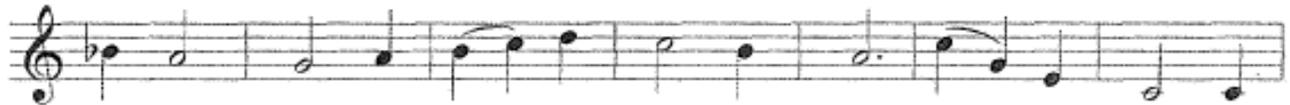
1 We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all
2 We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and
3 We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the



things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er
cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True Life
saints with - in one church, un - i - ver - sal, ho - ly, where for -



of the sky and sea. We be - lieve in God's Son,
there had tru - ly died. We be - lieve that on the
give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's res - ur -



Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it
third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then a - scend - ed
rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's



and of Mar - y born, to bring a - bun - dant life.
to God's right hand. Christ will come to judge and save.
ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

UTO In-Gathering Invitation

Angela Williams

UTO VIDEO

Anthem *Now Thank We All Our God*

Johann Cruger, Harmonized by Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Mark Hayes

Now thank we all our God,
Give thanks unto our God!

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
Who wonderous things hath done,
in whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
hath blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Now thank we all our God.
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O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
Through ever joyful hearts and
blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in
this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,
the Father now be given,
The son, and Him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth
and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Now thank we all our God.
Now thank we all our God!

The Prayers of the People – Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

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

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

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

Leader For Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop, and John Taylor and Diane Jardin Bruce our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

(The People may add their own petitions.)

Leader Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**
Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence
(*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*)

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence
(*The People may add their own petitions.*)

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Leader 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Anthem *Faithfulness*

Joel Raney
Becky Hasquet, Soloist

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee,
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail
not; As thou has been thou forever will be.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join wit all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

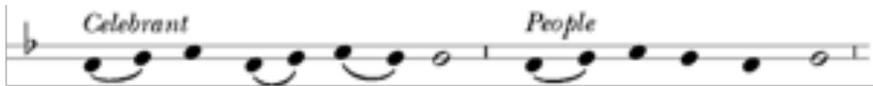
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see; All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!

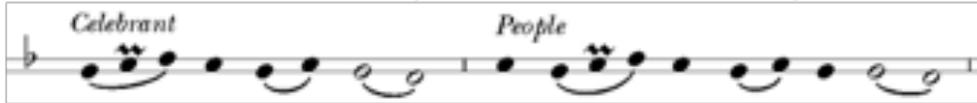
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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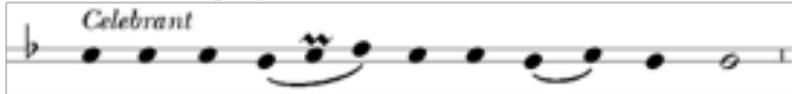
Invitation to Spiritual Communion



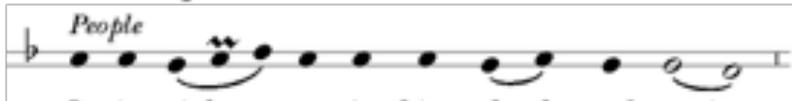
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our 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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest**

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Jesus instructed his followers to, "Do this in remembrance of me." Surely, we long to gather in community and to remember him in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup. Yet, even as we are now separated from blessing, breaking, and sharing in the Body of Christ, we remain connected as the church, Christ's body in the world. Let us now join together in praying St. Augustine's prayer for Spiritual Communion.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

(Please unmute yourself to pray together.)

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of Your Church where Your blessed body and blood are offered, I long to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray You to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing separate me from You; let me serve You in this life until, by Your grace, I join You in Your reign of unending peace. Amen.

(St. Augustine of Hippo)

Anthem *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Johann Sebastian Bach
Becky Hasquet, Soloist

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,
Soar to uncreated light.

Through the way where Hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings,
Where the flock in thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.

Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd,
With the fire of life impassion'd,
Striving still to Truth unknown,
Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own,
In the love of joys unknown.

Lord's Prayer *(people unmuted)*

**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.**

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

The Peace

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

Postlude *Sunshine in My Soul*

arr. Mark Hayes
Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano