

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Church of the Good Shepherd

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Processional Hymn (Blue #494) "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation Please stand as you are able.

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for

ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

The Celebrant may say:

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*.

Gloria

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 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.

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 readings.

First Lesson (2 Samuel 23:1-7)

Denise King

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,

the oracle of the man whom God exalted,

the anointed of the God of Jacob,

the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God,

is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader The Word of the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

<u>Psalm 132:1-13</u> (read responsively by verse)

1 LORD, remember David, * and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the LORD * and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," * nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, * nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

- 6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; * we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
 let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."
- 8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, * you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; * let your faithful people sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David's sake, *
 do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
- 11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; * in truth, he will not break it:
- 12 "A son, the fruit of your body * will I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, * their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

Second Lesson (Revelation 1:4b-8)

Gail Cecchini

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

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

So it is to be. Amen.

wail

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (Blue #458) "My Song is Love Unknown"

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

John 18:33-37

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Fr. Henry Chan

The Nicene Creed (Please stand: celebrant and people say)

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*.

Prayers of the People (IV)

Sheila Williams

Let us pray for the Church and 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.

We pray for the Worldwide Church, especially The Church of Bangladesh, that we may be a people who show your transforming love and justice in all that we do.

Give Grace to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Bishop; Henry, our Supply Priest; and Lou, our Music Minister.

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. Remembering especially, Joe, our President; Phil, our governor; and Rick, our mayor.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all people in the world suffering from COVID-19

and other diseases, natural disasters, and famine; and for those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts. Give guidance to their leaders that they may lead with wisdom and mercy.

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.

We pray for the growth of the Good Shepherd Family, and give you thanks for the privilege of being part of the more than 100 years this Church has faithfully served our Lord, Jesus Christ. We pray that you will continue to supply our material needs and guidance for our Church.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Bless and protect the members of our military, especially those who are closely connected to the Good Shepherd Family. Be their constant companion and their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity. Guide them, O Lord, that they may return home safely to those who love them; and give their families the strength and courage to cope with the daily challenges faced in their

absence.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Today we remember our family and friends celebrating –

Birthdays: Anthony Ruggiero, Denise King, Anthony Goncales, and Stephen Sherwood.

Anniversary: Richard & Stacy Sherwood.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are sick and all those caring for them, at home, in hospitals, in hospices, or in nursing homes.

Comfort and heal all those on our Prayer List, especially: Hector & Connie Gonzalez, Paulette Bahn, and Sheila Williams. 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 they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Luke, and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Let's pray together for the Good Shepherd Church Family:

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for the Church family of Good Shepherd. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

(The Celebrant adds a concluding collect)

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

<u>Confession of Sin</u> (celebrant and 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*.

Celebrant:

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

Blessing of Sunday School Teacher and Children

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

If you do not wish to participate in the traditional Peace, please remain seated in your pews and acknowledge those around you.

Announcements

- ♣ Please welcome Fr. Henry Chan [and any visitor worshiping with us today].
- **Mission Committee meeting** today at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.
- **Fundraisers:**
 - ➤ **Designer Bag Bingo** a very BIG thank you to Darlene and Lillian, and everyone else (too many to name) who helped in planning, organizing, and executing what turned out to be a well-attended fundraiser last Sunday.
 - ➤ Wawa Hoagie Coupons (ongoing) & TD Bank Gift Card Raffle (drawing on Sunday, December 12 here at the church). Tickets are \$5 each.

Contact Darlene Watson (856-206-2541) or Lillian Knott (856-905-8685) for tickets and further information.

Outreach:

- Change for Change Please continue to donate your loose change to help support our Outreach Ministry.
- ➤ Women of Hope We are collecting toiletries and related items to benefit women and men in need. There is a box in the Narthex for you to place your donated items.

- **Sunday School** Please help us to build a vibrant Sunday School program by inviting younger members of your family and of your neighbors. Registration forms are available in the back of the church and on our website.
- We wish for everyone a very happy, healthy, and safe **Thanksgiving holiday!**

Stewardship Talk GIFT (Food Pantry)

Offertory Hymn (Black #96) "He Is King of Kings"

If you have not already done so, you may at this time place your envelope/offering in the offering plate at the back of the church.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (A)

Please stand as you are able.

CelebrantThe Lord be with youPeopleAnd also with youCelebrantLift 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.

Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

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.

The people stand or kneel. Celebrant continues:

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.

Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. 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*.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing.

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.

Breaking of The Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant:

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.

The bread is given to the communicants with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

Communion Hymn (White #143)

"We Are Christians"

Post Communion Prayer

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

Celebrant blesses the congregation.

Recessional Hymn (Black #97) "Ride on, King Jesus"

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Thank you to the worship leaders for their contribution to today's service; and to everyone, both in person and online, for worshiping with us today.

Today's Counters

Denise King and Pat Schaffer

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Prayers for: (please let us know when your loved one should be removed).

Military Service:

Aiden Borden

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Charles Devoll

Dalton Anders

Dave Niglio

Felix Perez

Jimmy Sheridan

John Kirkbride

Jonathan DeMaria

Joseph Hodges

Keith Taylor

Nicholas Cadet

Nicholas DeMaria

Nickolette McCafferty

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