

The First Lesson

*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.

The Psalm

Psalm 93

*Dominus regnavit*

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

*Said together:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

*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.

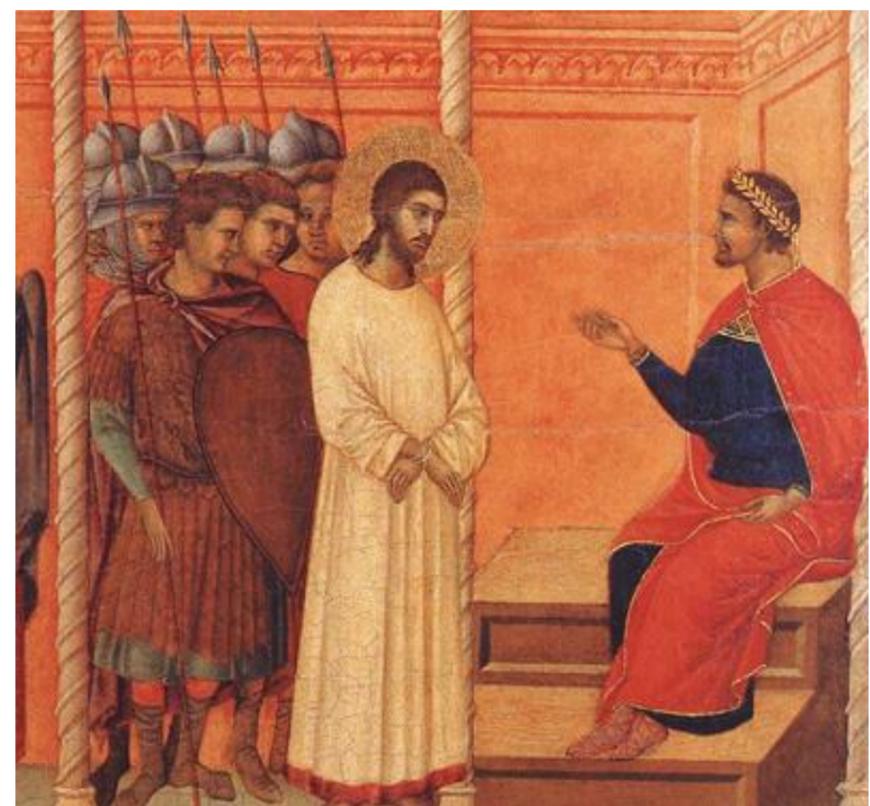
Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.  
“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hymn *The Head that once was crowned with thorns* H 483

Gospel Lesson *John 18:33-37*

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.”



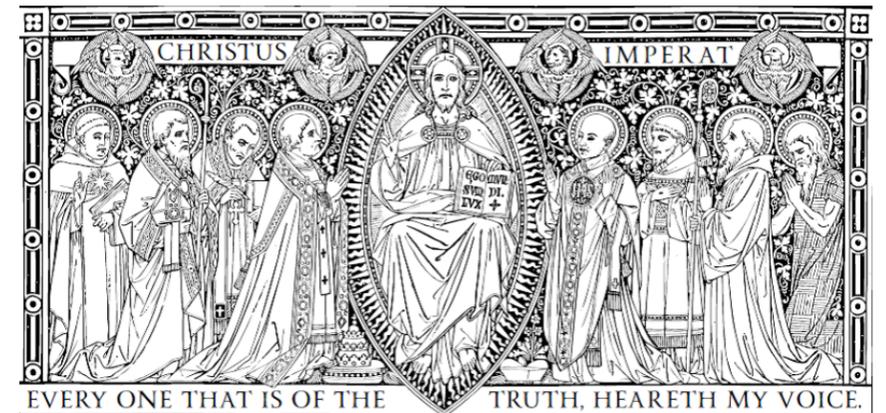
The Sermon

The Nicene Creed BCP 358  
*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

Prayers of the People I BCP 383  
*We pray together as the people of God*

Confession & Absolution BCP 360  
*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

The Peace *We share the joy of the Good News!*



The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass  
Offertory *Festive Alleluia* Young

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes  
*Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might;  
boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the world far and wide,  
Let there be light!*  
From Hymn 371 vs. 4

Eucharistic Prayer "B" BCP 367  
*Sanctus* Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S129  
*Memorial Acclamation* Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S138  
*The Lord's Prayer* Traditional version, found on BCP 364  
*Fraction Anthem* H-S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament  
*All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.*

Communion Hymns

*Strengthen for service, Lord* H 312  
*Let all mortal flesh keep silence* H 324  
*At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow* H 435

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 365

Hymn *Crown Him with many crowns* H 494

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*



Following our service today will be Coffee Hour, hosted by **Shirley Ofsa and Grey Kiser**. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us.

The Altar Flowers are given today by **Paul and Rebecca Broyles**, in thanks for their Christ Church Family.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Becky Beckett John Allen  
Chalicer Alyson Bowling Jay Kephart  
Lector Delia Kersey Alyson Bowling  
Altar Guild Betty Nash Linda Thomas Elizabeth Sudduth  
Patricia Taylor

This Month's Plate Offering: the CEC Food Pantry

Birthdays This Week: Grey Kiser and Elizabeth Burton

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Marlene, Lee Puckett, Sr., Phyllis & Nelson Walker, Alex B., Toni R., Jared Cregger, Kerrigan Farmer, Lindsey Parsley, Daisy Bowman, Ellie Spencer, Sue Godwin, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Ann Richardson, Sherry Mitchell, Carrie D., Loraine Keffer, Sharon Cranfill,, George Strike, Levertt T., Bea Paine, Frankie Sparks, Diane Sudduth, Audrey, Denny Arner, Jodi Scarberry, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney

Last Week's Attendance: 92

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday – November 28 Prepare Dinner for Union Mission 4:30pm  
Sunday – December 2 Holy Eucharist with Fr. Russ Hatfield  
Sunday – December 9 Annual Meeting after Church  
Canterbury Club at the Beckett's 6:00pm  
Wednesday – December 12 Advent Meditations and Taize  
Saturday – December 15 Blfd., WV Christmas Parade 1:00  
Sunday – December 16 L.E.M. Training after church  
Wednesday – December 19 ECM Fellowship Home Dinner  
Monday – December 24 Christmas Eve early service 5pm  
Christmas Eve late service 11pm

Announcements:

Collecting Blankets: ECW will be collecting blankets for our Food Pantry recipients during the month of November. Please bring these items to the donation basket in the narthex. Also, in December we'll be collecting hats, scarves, and gloves. Thank You!

T-Shirt Order Form: Please use the pre-order forms in the Narthex. The cost is \$15 for short-sleeve shirts and \$21 for long-sleeve shirts and hoodies.

Church Pens: We recently had pens, bearing Christ Church's name, made. You may pick yours up in the Narthex.

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas add your name to the sign-up list at the Usher's Station in the narthex. Poinsettias are \$15 and can be donated in honor or memory of a loved one.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors: A new ministry will be starting this fall. Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV's) will take Holy Communion regularly to shut-ins of the parish and share fellowship with them. If you are interested in this ministry, please see Fr. Chad.

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater Rector  
Ms. Emma Bennett Parish Administrator  
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster  
Mrs. Vanessa Hall Sexton  
Dr. Rob Merritt Senior Warden  
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## November 25, 2018

### The Last Sunday after Pentecost

*Sometimes called Christ the King Sunday*

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *All hail the power of Jesus' Name!* H 450

The Service Begins BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

*The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP*

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*

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.*