The Last Sunday After Pentecost The Feast of Christ the King

November 26, 2023–10:00 a.m.



Saint Luke's Episcopal Church Los Gatos, California

The Holy Eucharist

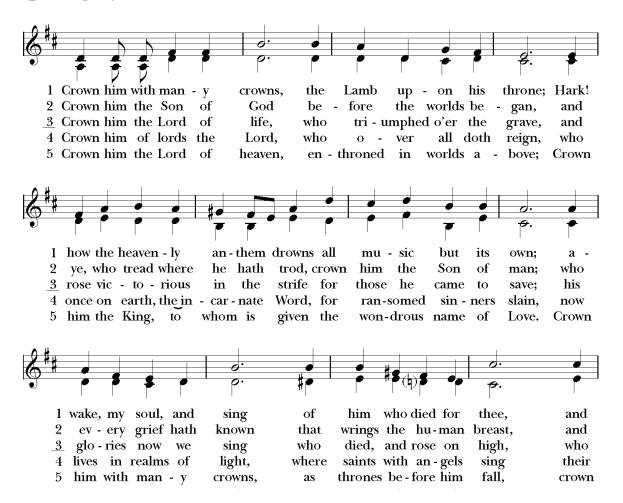
Prelude

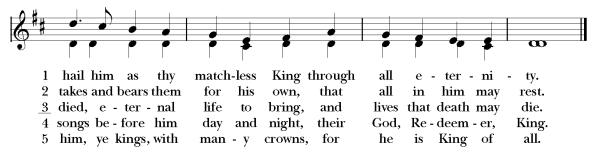
"Now Thank We All Our God"

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn 494

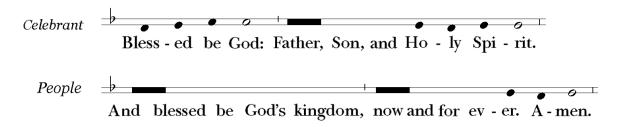
"Crown him with many crowns"





Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) Music: Diademata, George Job Elvey (1816-1893);

Opening Acclamation



The Collect for Purity

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**.

The Gloria

"Gloria in excelsis"





Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from Mass for Grace. Copyright © 1992 Carl Haywood.

The 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 wellbeloved 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

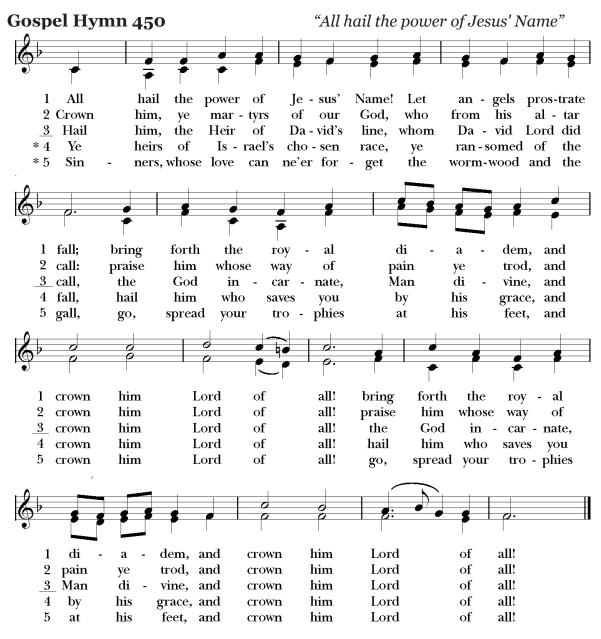
ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-7a

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.

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



 6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

The Holy Gospel

Clergy	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.
	Matthew 25:31–46
Clergy People	The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Ricardo Avila

The Nicene Creed

Said by all

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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The 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.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; 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 share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Silence. The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

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

Silence may be kept.

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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.**

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"Ubi Caritas"

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen. Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.

Prayers Over the Gifts

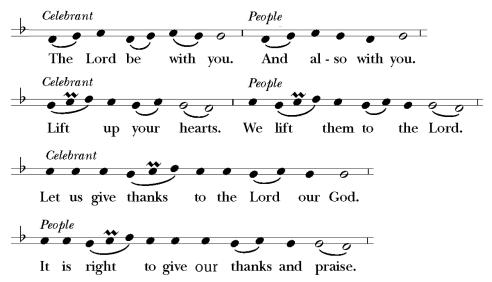
Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, **and of your own have we given you. Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, friends, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty. **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of God's Name, both to our benefit and that of all God's Holy Church. Amen.**

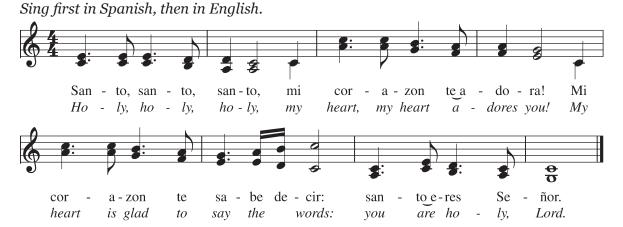
The Great Thanksgiving



It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

WLP 785



Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

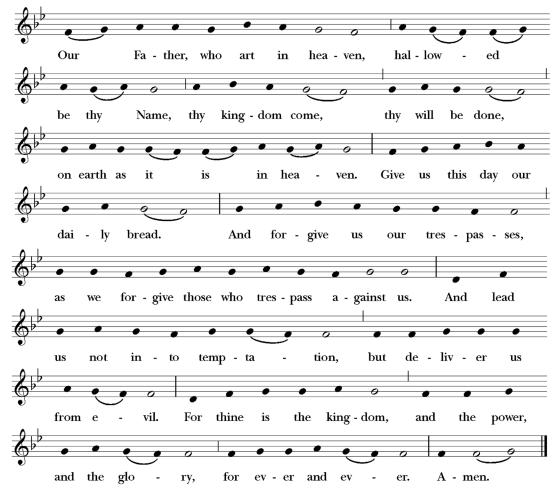
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer

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



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The Breaking of the Bread

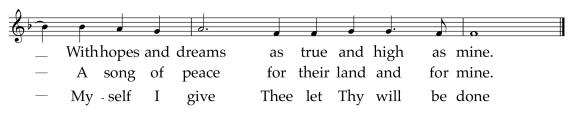
CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn

"This Is My Song"





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Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Said by all 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.

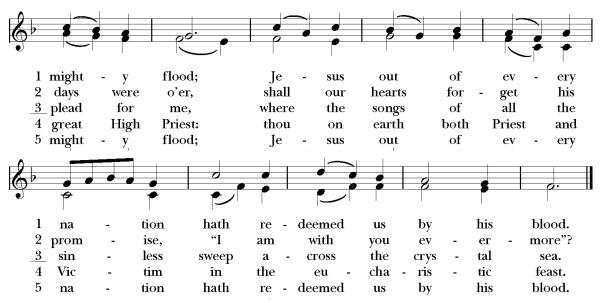
The Blessing

It is not enough to acclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and King: We must make his kingdom real and proclaim it to all through our words and deeds. And so: May you live as He did, in love and service to others; may God strengthen you to accomplish such joyful work; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Closing Hymn 460

"Alleluia, sing to Jesus"





Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Dismissal

The clergy dismisses the People and they respond **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Postlude on "Nun Danket Alle Gott" Lothar Bandermann



FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR Flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God by Joanie Smith in thanksgiving for 35 years of wedded bliss with her husband, Steve.

Flowers at the altar are also given to the glory of God by Lewis Pollard in loving memory of his wife, Patricia.



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Preacher	The Rev. Ricardo Avila
Lay Assistant	Linda Walton
Acolyte	Ariana Bates
Lectors	Ron Victor & Grady Jeter
Organist	Laura Green
Singers	St. Luke's Choir
Live-streaming Director	Art Feather
Usher	Jim Graham
Altar Guild	Gigi Fait & Carol Graham

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