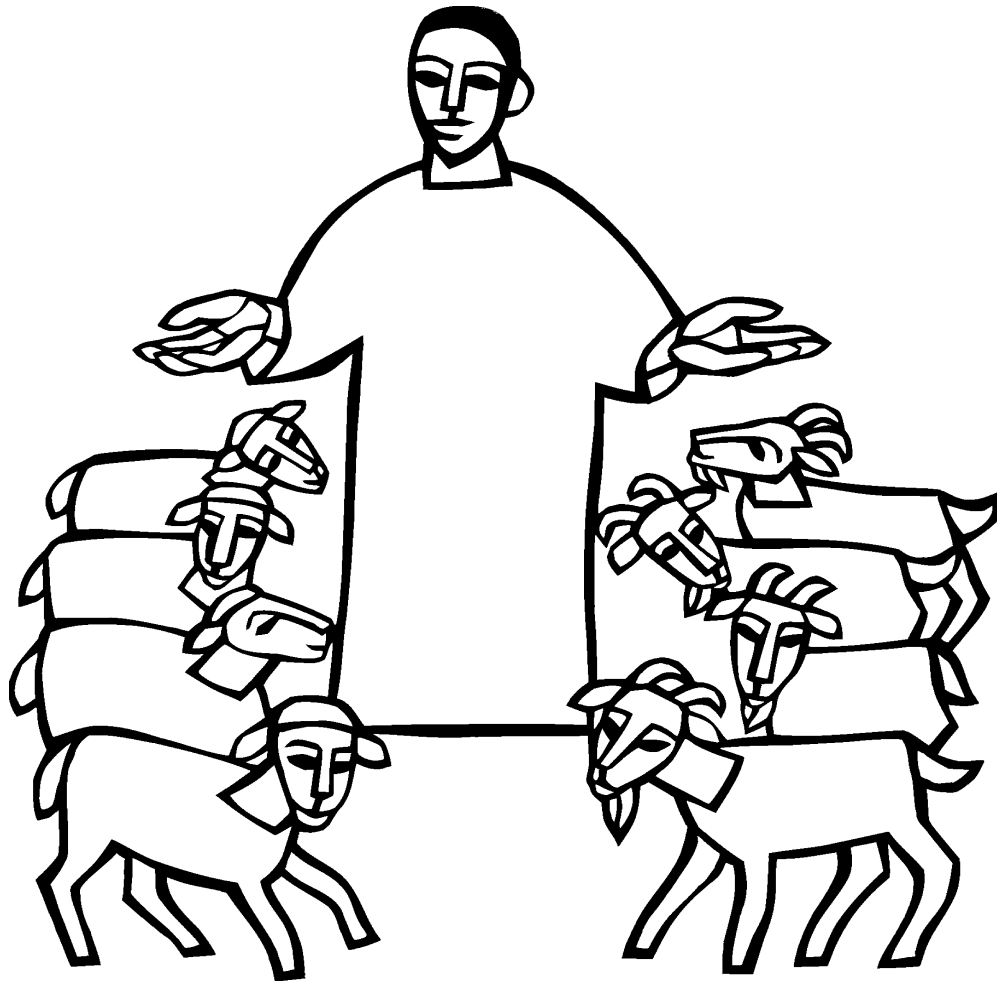


Grace Church in the Mountains

November 22, 2020 | 8:00 am



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Christ the King / Reign of Christ

WELCOME! / ¡BIENVENIDOS!

MISSION FOCUS 2020

Celebrating that Christ is all and in all

by

Seeking Inviting

Belonging Serving

Reverencing God's Creation

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people stand.

Presider: Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen

SONG OF PRAISE *(spoken together)*

I will rejoice, I will be glad,

I will praise God

Who holds my life in His hands.

I will praise the Father,

I will praise the Son.

I will praise the Spirit forever more.

I will rejoice, I will be glad,

I will praise God,

Who holds my life in His hands.

I will praise the Father,

each and ev'ry day

And I will sing His love songs forever more.

I will rejoice, I will be glad,

I will praise God,

Who holds my life in His hands.

*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Let us pray

All: 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.*

FIRST READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus

¹⁵ Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that ¹⁶ I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, ¹⁹ and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. ²⁰ God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, ²¹ far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. ²² God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, ²³ which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

*PSALM 100

Spoken in unison

¹Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
²Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
³Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
⁴For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

All stand.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

[Jesus said,] ³¹“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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then 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; ³⁵for 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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And 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.’ ⁴¹Then 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; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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.’ ⁴⁴Then 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?’ ⁴⁵Then 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.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *All stand.*

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.

***THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

All remain standing.

Jesus the Christ, you reign in glory as our King, and to you we lift our voices in prayer, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

That we may serve God with gladness and generosity, discovering his likeness in those who hunger and thirst, in those who are threadbare and in prison, and in those who are sick, lonely, depressed, sorrowful, and rejected; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the leaders of our Church may receive the immeasurable greatness of God, seeking the holy way with every step they take, guiding the faithful and those who have strayed into the glorious dwelling place of divine love; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sea and the dry land, molded by the Creator's imagination, that we may cherish the gifts they bring forth, and be good stewards of their fragile ecosystems; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the sin of division may be lifted from family life, and from wherever it fractures the bonds of affection or movements toward peace, that forgiving what is past and trusting in God's future, we may work to reveal the kingdom in our time; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the righteous dead may live into eternal life, and that those who have gone astray may receive the mercy of the Maker; especially for Frances Trexler, aunt of Crystal Clary & Winona Roberts, mother of Gary Roberts let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the reign of Christ over all creation, let us continue our prayers for our members: James Trappani, Kim Campbell Pam Davis, Joanne Thrower; Betty Bradley, Sallee Glaesner, Vickie Pope, Becky Prevost, and our Homebound Members: Evelyn Overman, Elizabeth Clark, Katherine Calhoun, & Charles Baker. For our friends Kelly Smith, sister-in-law of Ginny Moe, Lorraine Zeller, aunt of John Zeller.

We invite your prayers silently or aloud.

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you**

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

**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.

Presider: 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.*

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE INVITATION

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **God of abundance,**

you have fed us

with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us

with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth

in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to

the world

and continue for ever

in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People:

Thanks be to God

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild Mary Lockey

Collection Counters Alyson Nelson, Sandy Curtis

Lector Lorelei Yerse

Eucharistic Ministers Donna Buckner, Lorelei Yerse

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members of Grace

James Trappani, Kim Campbell, Pam Davis, Joanne Thrower, Betty Bradley, Sallee Glaesner, Vickie Pope, Becky Prevost, and our Homebound Members: Evelyn Overman, Elizabeth Clark, Katherine Calhoun, & Charles Baker.

Friends of Grace:

Kelly Smith, sister-in-law of Ginny Moe; Lorraine Zeller, aunt of John Zeller; John Savarese, cousin of Bob Stambaugh; Amelia Fountain, Joni Marie Becker, friend of Edwina Costley; Karen, daughter-in-law of Christa Malone; Monica, friend of Annelle Woggon & Kenneth Ratcliffe; Wendy, friend of Mike & Mary Hartman; Kathy McNeil, former organist at Grace Church; Mary Minturn, mother of BJ Minturn; Carrie Schuler, friend of Lauren & Blair Bishop; Debbie Pitcock, friend of Mariah Nehus; Jason Nurse, son of Peter & Jane Nurse; Joelle & Jeff Clark, friends of Karlinne Wulf-Lamphear

For those who have died

Frances Trexler, aunt of Crystal Clary; Winona Roberts, mother of Gary Roberts

For those on the front-lines of our public health crisis

Margaret Violet, DSS worker; Emily Mackey, nurse at Harris Hospital; Rusty Ross, physician in AL; Tucker & Campbell Austin, daughters of Clyde & Walt Austin; Adam McDonald; Martha Hartman Woodburn; Sarah, niece of Betsy Stecher; and our members Valerie Gracie who works at Urgent Care, Patrick Johnson Director of Public Health; & Sara Warren-Hill, Labor and Delivery Nurse.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Day Service: 9:00 am, via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent in an email on Thursday morning and will also be on our website.

Thanksgiving Closing: In observance of Thanksgiving Holiday, the office will close 1:00 on Tuesday and reopen on Monday, 11/30 at 9:00. The Wednesday Noon service will take place as usual. If you have announcements for eNews or the bulletin, please be sure to have to the office by Noon on Monday.

Braver Angels: Skill for Bridging the Divide Workshop: Grace Church in the Mountains is hosting a Braver Angels Skills for Bridging the Divide workshop on Saturday, December 5 at 10 AM, facilitated by Tom Daily. Pre-registration required. Find out more or register on our [website](#).

Running for Vestry: Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, 1/10/21 via Zoom. Deadlines for Vestry nominations are due to the Rector on Sunday, 12/13. Nominations forms are available on our website.

Consecration of our Playground and 24/7 Pantry: Bishop Jose will be joining us for an outdoor consecration of our new playground (in front of Grace House) and 24/7 Pantry (near Miller St. entrance) to the Glory of God, following the 10:30 am service on 12/13. This will be filmed and on FB Live for those not able to attend in person.

Christmas Cards for the Military Project: You can spread seasonal JOY to so many without any Covid concerns; you can bring a blessing and a smile via our "Christmas Cards for the Military" project! Beginning today, you can pick up one or more packets containing a dozen religious-themed Christmas cards! Please personalize with a sentence or two and signature(s)! No envelopes and no last names are needed. These messages of honor and cheer will be delivered to local service men and women through our VFW Hall, the American Legion, and to veterans currently residing at Autumn Care and Silver Bluff! You are also welcome to donate any "leftover" unused Christmas cards and leave them also in the big "MAILBOX" in the walkway/breezeway. Christian-focused cards will be made available for parishioners to write to the military; more secular cards will be made available to our Grace Pantry clients.

Pathways Meal: Grace prepares the meal for Pathways Homeless Shelter the second Sunday and fifth Monday. If you would like to help, contact Natalie Bayless.

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Virginia Moe, Organist and Choir Director

Andrea Croskery, Parish Administrator/Bookkeeper

Tony Caldwell, Sexton

MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

Crystal Clary (2020)

Dale McDonald, Jr. Warden (2021)

Patricia (Pat) Robinson (2022)

Mary Hartman, Sr. Warden (2020)

Lauri SoJourney (2021)

Laurel Destry (2022)

Dan Linker (2020)

Mary Lockey (2021)

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