

A still life composition for Thanksgiving. At the top, several large sunflowers with bright yellow petals and dark brown centers are arranged in a blue, textured ceramic vase. To the left, a portion of a light brown wicker basket is visible. In the foreground, three pumpkins of various sizes and colors (green, yellow, and orange) are scattered on a dark wooden surface. A piece of light-colored, frayed burlap fabric lies on the right side. The background is dark, making the subjects stand out.

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

Prince of Peace

Sunday November 22nd, 2020
Christ the King /Thanksgiving Sunday
Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence is kept for reflection)

Faithful God,
Have mercy on us.
We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.
We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.
We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.
We keep the gift of salvation to ourselves.
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of †Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.
Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Children's Moment

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ 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.

²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Psalm 95.1-7a

¹O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**⁶O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,

**and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!**

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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. ³² 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, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ 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; ³⁵ 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, ³⁶ 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.’ ³⁷ 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? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ 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,^[a] you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ 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; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ 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.’ ⁴⁴ 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?’ ⁴⁵ 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.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Message

Song: “We Are Called”

720 Text, Music David Haas 1957

We Are Called Irregular

1. Come live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. *Ref.*

2. Come Open your heart Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Ref.*

3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. *Ref.*

Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

The Peace

Announcements

Prayers of Intercession

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring peace to everyplace where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until the day when you gather creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

May our Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring,
send you in love and peace.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

Hymn: "Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

p.693 Text Henry Alford, 1810–1871, Music: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893. 77 77 D

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home:
All be safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, does provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest grant, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
To thy final harvest home;
Gather then thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever purified,
In thy garner to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home.

Dismissal

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Thanks for joining us!

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