



The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 29 Christ the King

November 21, 2021 | 9:00 am

The Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church
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Welcome to Annunciation

Before Worship

We ask that conversations and greetings before the worship service happen in the Narthex. We try to keep the Nave as a space for prayer and contemplation as we enter into worship.

What's Happening

The Parish News is your guide to everything happening in our parish. The bulletin contains everything you need to fully participate in the service. Some of the music we will sing can be found in either the Red or Blue hymnal in your pew.

Communion

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Communion.

Hospitality

After the service, please enjoy good food, coffee, and conversation in the Parish Hall.

Let's Get Connected!

We want to get to know you better and tell you more about our community. Please fill in a Newcomer Card, available at the Communications Center near the main entrance.

Children

We welcome children to participate fully, and we do not expect them to be perfectly quiet. If your child needs a break, feel free to bring them to the Narthex (lobby) or make use of our Nursery: take a left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Restrooms

The main restrooms are off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space. A

gender-neutral restroom is located to your left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Wheelchair Accommodations

There are wheelchair-friendly spaces in the pews, on the outside aisles. Accessible restroom stalls are in the main restrooms off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space.

Hearing Assistance

Hearing devices are located on the table near the main entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Online Worship

To facilitate everyone being able to hear during the service, everyone will be muted on Zoom, except for the person speaking.

Please close all other applications on the device you are using. If you are having connection issues, try turning off the video. You will still be able to hear the service.

Streaming to Facebook Live

If you weren't able to join us for our live service, the video will be available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/annunciatingurnee/live/>

You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the video.

Please ask an usher or worship leader for assistance with anything you need.

In-person, indoor worship

- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- **Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask inside the building.**
- Please maintain good physical distancing when in the building.

- A limited number of bulletins will be available, please consider bringing a printed copy or a mobile device.
- This morning you are welcome to sing the hymns.
- You are invited to share the Peace with one another this morning. Please be respectful of the community members who may not want to pass a physical peace.
- There will be a collection plate at the entrance of the Nave for your offering.
- You are welcome to be in the parking lot and stream the service - one of the clergy will bring you communion at the end of the service. You are welcome to use the Annunciation WiFi (AnnunciationOfOurLady Guest).
- Healing prayers will be in the chapel during the distribution of Holy Communion. Please make your way there if you desire personal prayers with a prayer minister. At this time we are unable to offer anointing.

Holy Eucharist:

- **This morning we will be celebrating Holy Eucharist. At the invitation to Communion, please come forward to the altar, either one “pod” together or one individual at a time, and receive the wafer. Take a cup and after you have consumed the wine, put it in the glass container by the lectern. Then make your way back to your seat or to the chapel for healing prayers.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Organ Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn # 450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

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

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People, say together

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.

Glory to God #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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 forever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us hear what God's Spirit is saying to God's people.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

(2 Samuel 23:1-7)

Reader: We hear the last words of David, as told in 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.***

The Psalm (*Psalm 132:1-13*)

Reader: Let us offer the psalm by half 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."***

The Second Lesson

(*Revelation 1:4-8*)

Reader: Here the author of the book of Revelation describes the coming of the Day of King Jesus.

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.

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

Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel

(John 18:33-37)

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Deacon: 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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant and People, say together.

*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 who 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

Book of Common Prayer, Form III

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; this morning we remember Fort Dauphin in the Diocese of Toliara, Madagascar and the Church of Bangladesh

People *That we all may be one.*

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; including Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Paula our Bishop-elect, Chilton our Assisting Bishop, Pastor Jenni, Deacon Linda, and Rev Jane.

People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.
People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Leader: For those weighted down by despair, suffering from addiction, or burdened by illness, that they may experience the freedom which the Spirit gives to the Children of God. This morning we pray especially for ***Bishop-elect Paula; Bishop Samy; Andrew; Josianne; Pam; Garry; Fiakira, Harisoa, Manirisoa, Norbert; Ashley; Rob; Greg, Joe, Helene; Marsha; John; Noah; Charlie; Logan; Tom; Debbie; Jenny; Linda and Ralph; Susan and Dave; and the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living and PADS.***

Leader: For all those who serve in the Armed Forces, including ***Liam Mellen, Chad VanHorn, Christopher Pavy, Nick Unda, Ian Pocklington, Ethan Pocklington, Christopher Froelich, Karl Mohrmann, Trish Hull, Clay Anderson, and Quinton Hocking,*** let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servants ***Chris Schrantz (11/25) and Maryanne Esguerra (11/27)*** as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in you all the days of their lives.

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People: ***Amen.***

The Peace

A Wee Worship Book, 4th ed.

Celebrant: Not an easy peace,
not an insignificant peace,
not a half-hearted peace,
but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ
is here with us now.

People: ***Let us share it with each other.***

After you have greeted others, please have a seat.

Offertory

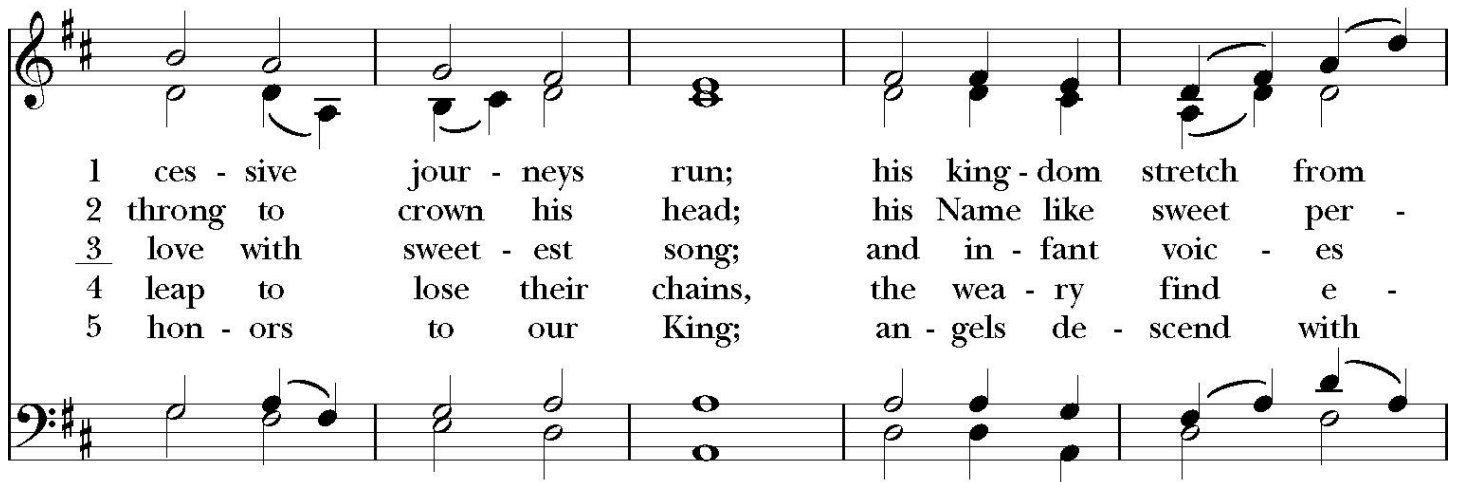
Celebrant: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your sibling has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first to be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your gift.

Offertory Hymn #544

Jesus shall reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

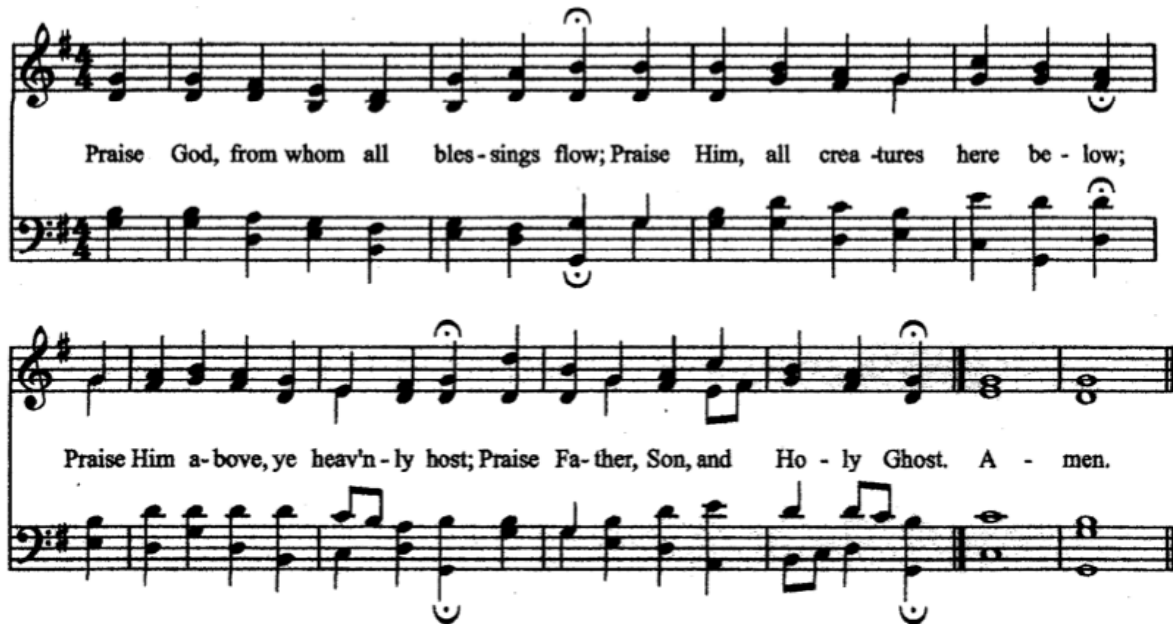


1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793)

Presentation Hymn | Doxology

Please stand, as able, and sing:



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer: Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

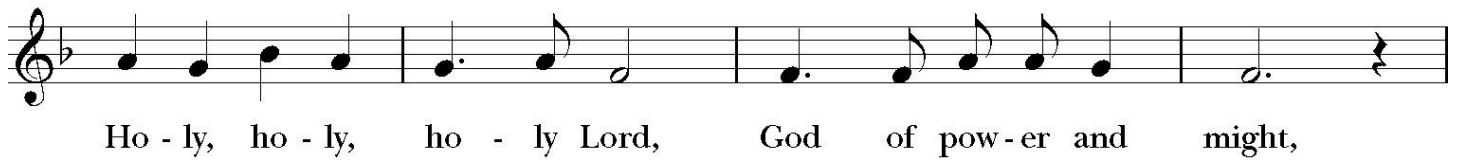
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

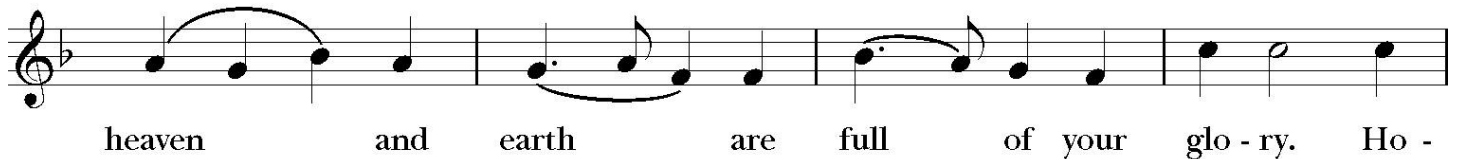
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

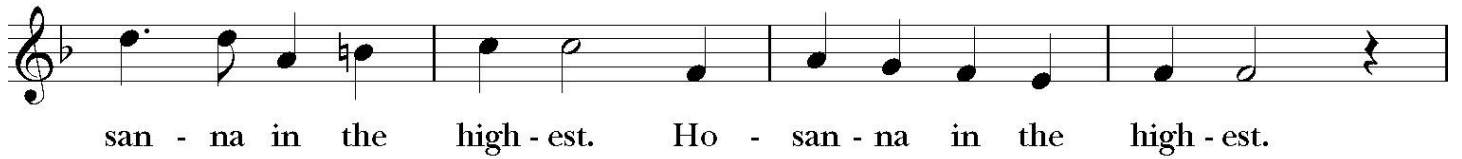
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



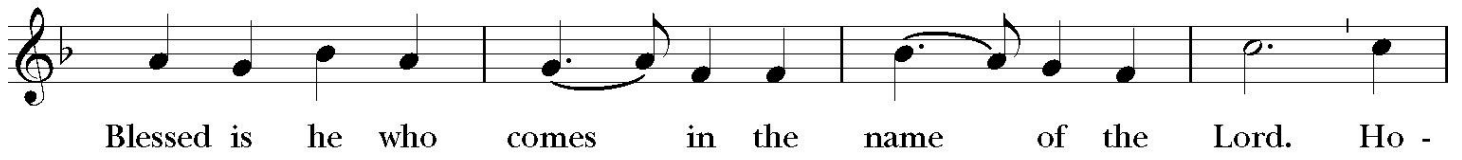
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

People: **AMEN!**

Sending of the Eucharistic Visitors

The Deacon sends parishioners to bring Communion and companionship to the sick and homebound.

This morning, parishioners will lead the service at Sunrise Assisted Living Center.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People: ***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.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Receiving Communion

You're Invited: *This is Jesus' table; he made no restrictions, and neither do we.*

Host: *Our communion is by wafer. The priest will place the wafer in your hand.*

- Wine:** *Take a cup and after you have consumed the wine, put it in the glass container by the lectern. You also may abstain from receiving the wine.*
- Gluten:** *Gluten-free wafers are available. Ask the priest for one when you come up.*

Healing prayers will be offered in the chapel during the distribution of Holy Communion. Please make your way to the prayer station after receiving communion, if you desire personal prayers with a prayer minister. At this time we are unable to offer anointing.

Choir Anthem

Praise the Lord of the Harvest, words by John Monsell; music by David Catherwood

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.*

Blessing of the Holy Water

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into new life, and by the power of your life-giving Spirit ever cleanses and sanctifies your people: bless, we pray you, this water for the service of your holy Church; and grant that it may be a sign of the cleansing and refreshment of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant and People together say,

Cleanse me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

The Blessing

Celebrant: *The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.*

People: *Amen.*

Welcome & Announcements

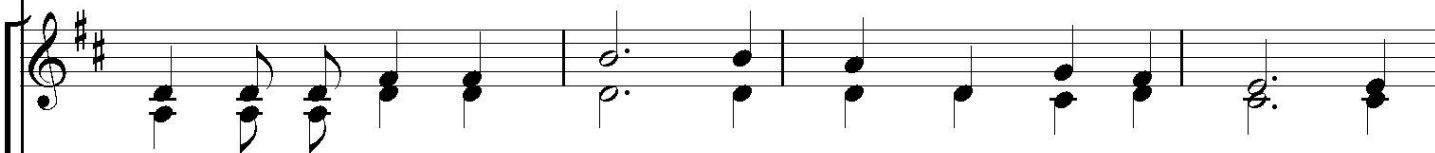
Closing Hymn #494

Crown him with many crowns

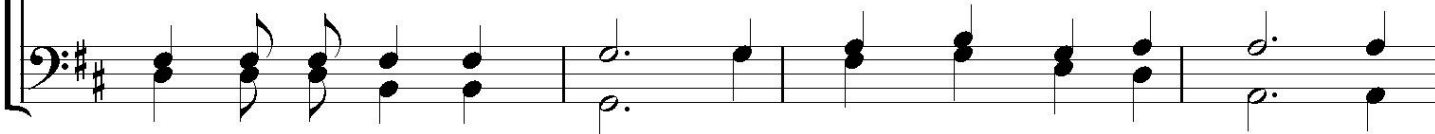
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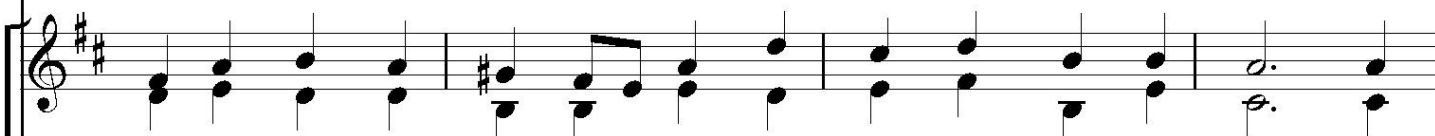
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;



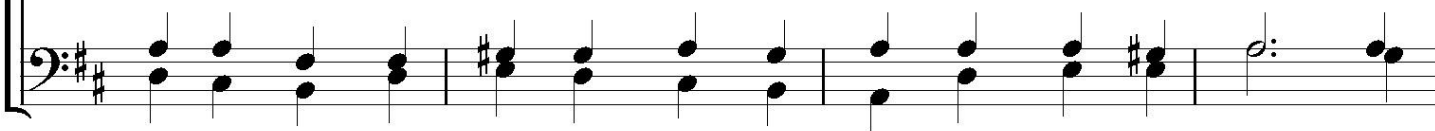
- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
- 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
- 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
- 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
- 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown



crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.



- 1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
- 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
- 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
- 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now
- 5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown



Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Organ Postlude

Ministers of the service

Crucifer	Dale Sander
1st Reader & Psalm	Miriam Berry
2nd Reader	Mark Johnson
Prayers	Gin Bosserman
Ushers	Brian and Jane Penticoff
Digital Verger	Mike Robison
Sunrise Minister	Elizabeth Danos and Pam Myers
Altar Guild	Betsy Donegan
Healing Minister	Deacon Linda Lutter

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Annunciation *of Our Lady*

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annunciation is a place...

To be included

To be honest

To be challenged

To be empowered

To find hope

Thank You



Today's coffee hour host:

Miriam Berry

Parish Announcements and Calendar

Thanksgiving Day Service

The Thanksgiving Day Service will not be on Zoom or on Facebook Live in order to give our digital vergers the time to be with their families.

No Morning Prayer

There will be no Morning Prayer on Thanksgiving Morning 11/25/21.

A Change of Season

It is the season of change here at Annunciation.

As you may have heard last Sunday, Deacon Linda Lutter has announced her retirement, which will begin in the new year. December 26th will be her final service as our Deacon. There will be a celebration of her ministry at a special coffee hour on December 12th.

Kay Sutton has also announced her resignation from her position here with the parish. Kay is going to pursue a retired life and she was dismayed and frustrated that the church leadership was continuing her contract as Interim Music Director and that at some point in the future we would be engaging with the entire parish in the search for a music director. December 26th will be Kay's final service here at Annunciation.

There will be a celebration of Kay's ministry at a special coffee hour on December 19th.

Please mark your calendars to join in these celebrations of work in our midst.

If you would like to participate in a monetary gift for either Deacon Linda or Kay, you can designate that gift and we will pass that on to both.

Calling all Singers!

Adult Choir rehearses after service this morning. After the service, stop by coffee hour and then come by the choir room for a short 'welcome back' rehearsal. We will be rehearsing every Sunday after church for the next few months. During this COVID-time we will be singing in church on the Sundays of All Saints, Christ the King, Advent 1,2,3,4 and of course, Christmas Eve. It will be great! Bring a friend, too!

Cub Scout Poinsettia Pick-up

If you ordered a wreath or poinsettia from the Scouts, they will be available for pick up following mass today **November 21**, and again during the scout meeting on **November 23 (7:00-8:30pm)** in the Parish Hall.

The Scouts and the Troop thank you for your purchase. This is one of the Scouts major fundraisers that helps to fund activities for the year.

Happy Holidays from the Scouts.

Cookie Exchange!

Well I can now report that we have enough interest in doing an in-house cookie exchange on **December 5**. So, let's do it, gang!!!!

To remind you from last week, this is how it will work:

Each participant will:

- make 3 dozen of however many cookie types you would like.
- bring his/her own display trays for the cookies.
- bring a container to take the new selected cookies home.

- bring cards with their name, the name of the cookie and what possible allergens (e.g. tree nuts, peanuts, soy, etc) are in them. We will give you a list.

We will provide:

- decorated circular tables without chairs on which to put the cookies for selection.
- tongs for each participant to pick up the cookies
- gloves for each participant
- several trays with extra cookies and coffee for those who are not participating

If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Berry. And, thank you for wanting to participate. We need some fun activities like this.

Annual Giving Tree for C4K

We're well on our way to providing new, warm clothing for children in need this holiday season. If you missed the announcement, we're once again working with Caring 4 Kids Clothing, more info below. Miriam and Buildings and Grounds are working to get the tree ready to put up. Christine has sent over the information for 12 children and I'm starting work on the tags for the tree. **The tree is up today and Christine will be joining us to give details of the Caring 4 Kids program at announcement time.** She will be available during coffee hour to meet with anyone who may have questions.

Donations will be due back by December 12th so they can be distributed before Christmas break. Gift cards, cash and checks made out to Annunciation are also welcome and we will do the shopping for you! Any leftover monetary donations will be disbursed to C4K. If you missed last week's announcement, or are new to the parish, here's a little about C4K.

What C4K is About and How You Can Help:

Every year hundreds of children go without proper clothing. Caring for Kids Clothing is a non-profit organization that helps provide these children with the clothing they so desperately need. Since our beginning in 2010 Caring for Kid has helped outfit hundreds of children every year. We provide an immediate need in warm winter gear, school uniforms, everyday clothing, gym shoes, snow boots, socks, under garments and so much more.

Goods and services donations are especially welcome as we hold several fundraisers each season and can always make use of raffle prizes and silent auction items. You can make a difference in a child's life; even the smallest donation can make a difference!

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Wednesday Book Study

Is canceled for 11/24.
For December 1, please read Esther, chapter 6 and 7.

Hospitality Corner

A reminder to check your calendars for a date you might want to host coffee hour. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4fadaf28a57-annunciation>. Any questions, please contact Miriam Berry.

Annual Ornament Exchange

Anybody got your ornament yet??? Well, I do and it's a good one, too. Several people have already asked questions about this rollicking event so the interest is definitely there for this one.

We will start the fun in the Narthex on **Saturday, December 11 at 7 PM**. As a reminder, the Ornament Exchange is similar to a White Elephant party. We all bring beautifully wrapped ornaments to the church along with drinks (wine is definitely appropriate) and appetizers or desserts. We will have a short time to socialize and will take a break halfway through the event for some more food and drink. The food, by the way, is REALLY good and there is lots of it, too.

This will be an in-person event this year...oh, thank you Lord!!!

Unfortunately, my friendly elves will not be available this year so we'll see who ends up laying down the law to us all from on high. After suitable instruction (no test involved!), we will let the fun begin.

Please put this great event on your calendar and start the creative shopping. Now the question is, will Mer-Man grace us with his presence this year? The only way to know for sure is to come and see. Please email me at mamamastercard@comcast.net to let me know how many will be coming with you. If you have any questions please see me (Miriam Berry).



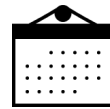
**QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer
November 22nd, 7:00-8:30 PM**

QPR is an internationally recognized suicide prevention program designed to help you have a conversation with someone having thoughts of suicide.

You will be trained to recognize suicide warning signs, approach someone who may be at risk, persuade the person to seek appropriate services, and connect the person to resources that will help. Similar to CPR, QPR is intended to educate and empower ALL people to make a positive and effective difference in the life of someone in a mental health crisis, no matter your background or experience. Attend this workshop and learn how to support your family, friends and colleagues in need by effectively employing the three steps of QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer. Please reach out to Becky De Rosa with any questions at rebeccad@warrentownship.net or Deacon Linda at lindalutter@hotmail.com. Text Linda if you would like to attend: 847-340-3253

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

People: Gracious God, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are present in the Bread and Wine of the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you in the Sacrament, I ask you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.



Save the Dates

November

28 1st Sunday of Advent
30 Scouts | 7:00pm

December

1 Wednesday Morning Bible Study | 10:00
5 Cookie Exchange & St Nicholas' Sunday
6 Book Club | 7:00pm
7 Scouts | 7:00pm
8 Wednesday Morning Bible Study | 10:00
Finance Committee | 7:00pm
14 Scouts | 7:00pm
15 Wednesday Morning Bible Study | 10:00
Prayer Shawl Ministry | 7:00-8:30pm
19 Advent Lessons and Carols
20 Vestry | 6:30pm
21 Cub Scouts | 6:00 pm
Scouts | 7:00 pm
24 Christmas Eve | 4:00 pm
25 Christmas Day | 10:00am

January

3 Book Club | 7:00pm
4 Scouts | 7:00pm
9 Feast of the Epiphany
De-greening of the Church
11 12@12 Recovery service | 12:00pm
Scouts | 7:00pm
12 Finance Committee | 7:00pm
17 Vestry | 6:00pm
18 12@12 Recovery service | 12:00pm
Cub Scouts | 6:00pm
Scouts | 7:00pm
25 12@12 Recovery service | 12:00 pm
Scouts | 7:00pm
30 Annual Meeting

This Week's Calendar

Today Christ the King Sunday
2022 Pledge ingathering
UTO Blue Box ingathering
Greening of the Church for Advent
Tuesday Scouts | 7:00pm
Wednesday Wednesday Morning Bible Study | 10:00
Thursday Thanksgiving Day Service | 10:00am

Morning Prayer meets Monday through Friday at 8:30 in our Zoom Room - please see the website or Parish News for the link.

The Office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:30-4:00.

Every Perfect Gift

The Gift of Relationship

Jesus stands before Pilate. We know this story. We hear it on Good Friday, we remember it every week in the Nicene Creed. And our ears hear it anew today, on the cusp of Advent, as we are emerging and rebuilding from an unimaginable time of pandemic. Once again, we proclaim Christ the King of all Creation.

As Jesus and Pilate talk, we learn something powerful about who Jesus is and how he serves God and humanity. We are reminded of who he is called to be and what he has come here to do. And it invites us to wonder who we are and who we are called to be, in this moment, in this season of our lives, and in this moment of our Church. What strikes me how Jesus acts in the time of trial. He acts with integrity. He makes a choice to remain wholly who he is, firmly rooted in love of God and clear about the work he has come to do. In that moment Jesus stays true to who he is. His trust in God remains steadfast too.

We're invited to do the same. We know this in a distinct way in stewardship season. Our money is one of the most powerful and honest symbols of what we offer to God and to the church.

It is one of the truest ways we can understand what we value and what we believe. Faithful, selfless and generous giving invites into a deeper relationship with God and our money. And it requires us to do the hard, but essential work of looking deep within to discover what we truly value, what we consider most precious. |

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. As we emerge from the pandemic, many of us are rebuilding—lives, jobs, churches. How in this post-pandemic time do you understand Christ the King? Has your understanding of God's faithfulness shifted or changed?
2. What do you notice in your own life about your relationship to God and your wallet? What story does it tell you?