

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

Worship Aid for November 24th, 2024 at 10:15 am



Love God, Love People, Make Disciples

Nativity: an inclusive faith community, following the way of Jesus to nourish the body, mind, and spirit of the people of our south metro communities and beyond.

Nativity Episcopal Church is committed to practice the way of love. We follow Jesus' example of radical hospitality as we celebrate God's presence in all people.

We welcome all persons, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic or marital status. All are invited as full participants in the life and ministries of our community.

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On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, Christians worldwide celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This relatively recent addition to the Church calendar, established in the 20th century, holds a profound purpose—to acknowledge the dominion of our king, Jesus Christ, over all of creation and every aspect of our lives.

We understand the kingship of Christ to mean that Jesus has authority over all creation. This authority is based on his identity as the Son of God and in his work of redemption. He is a king who serves, sacrifices, and redeems—a ruler who establishes a kingdom not by military might but by love, justice, and the ultimate sacrifice of himself on the cross. His resurrection is the vindication of his kingship and his ascension as his enthronement.

Our world today is not so very different from the world of Pope Pius XI. Peace remains elusive, political, social, and economic orders continue to falter, and most nations reject the kingship of Christ in their lives. The Feast of Christ the King remains as relevant today as it was in 1925.

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, let us embrace the reign of Jesus in every part of our lives, and let us hold fast to the promise that he will come again in power and great glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

And so we make our prayer, *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. Amen.*

Nativity Episcopal Church Leadership
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 Presider: The Rev. Jay Phelan
 Preacher: The Rev. Jay Phelan
 Lector:
 Prayer Leader:
 Eucharistic Minister:
 Usher:

Next Week: December 1st

Lector	Mary Feeney
Prayer Leader	
Eucharistic Minister	Marguerite Kirchhoff
Usher (x2)	

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (Hymnal 460)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our



1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and



1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider: 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.

All: **Amen.**

GLORIA

Glory to God

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
 earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
 mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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 for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 93



- 1 The Lord is King;
he has put on splendid ap-parel;
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 es-tablished;
you are from ever-lasting.
- 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 ever-more.

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4b-8

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
You have the words of everlasting life.

THE GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel is read.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE TIME

All children and youth are invited to go with a Children & Youth ministry volunteer during the sermon and prayers.

SERMON

The Rev. Jay Phelan

NICENE CREED

Deacon: Let us declare our faith in God.

Deacon and 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:
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,
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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence may be kept.

Leader: For all the people in their daily life and work.

All: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: We pray for an end to wars and for us all to work and pray tirelessly for our fellow beings. For this community, nation, and the world.

All: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation.

All: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

All: **For those who minister the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God. For the Anglican Church of South America. For Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Craig Loya, our Bishop. For Christ Church in Albert Lea, Austin, Frontenac, Grand Rapids, Red Wing, and Woodbury. For all in our Nativity community, for those working on Building Our Future, for our many ministries, for our continued faith, and to be held in God's love. For all who serve God in the Church.

All: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For those on our parish prayer list, especially...are there others?

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: Hear us Lord.

All: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God, our King.

All: **And praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all whose life is ending and for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially...are there others?

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them.

All: **Who put their trust in you.**

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

All: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, OR ANY OTHER EVENT. ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

The Presider invites the gifts of the congregation, with these or other words

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is a right and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Presider: Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

Presider: 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 the 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:

Presider and All:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Presider: 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 for ever. AMEN.

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

Presider and All:

**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

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

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

1. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta-
 ble, for ev - 'ry - one born, clean wa - ter and
 bread, a shel - ter, a space, a
 safe place for grow - ing, for ev - 'ry - one
 born, a star o - ver - head.
All And God will de - light when
 we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy,
 yes, God will de - light when
 we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
 jus - tice and joy!

INVITATION

Presider: So come to this table,
you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed; Come.
It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died
for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Shout All You People,” Handel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and 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 the Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Presider: May we who have been fed with the Holy Word and at Wisdom's table take the
Welcome out to where tables are reserved, and doors are closed. May the Spirit
drive us to break our bread among the world. For by God's welcoming power, we
are blessed in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, this day, now
and forever more.

All: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Hymnal 450)

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

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

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,

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!

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial
 ball, to him a - scribe, and
 crown him Lord of all! to him a -
 scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Our worship has ended, our service now begins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TODAY AT NATIVITY
Little Ringers Rehearsal & Performance
During service – Sunday, Nov. 24th

WEEKLY AT NATIVITY
Community Café
5-6pm – Wednesdays

Bible Study
10:30am – Mondays

Handbell & Choir
5 & 6:15pm – Tuesdays

Adult Forum
9am – Sundays (No Adult Forum Dec. 1st!)

UPCOMING
Thanksgiving Service
6:30pm – Wednesday, Nov. 27th

Intergenerational Advent Event
11:30-12:30pm – Sunday, Dec. 1st

Christmas Service Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 4pm | Family Service with Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, Dec. 25th, 10:15am | Service with Music
In-person only

Sunday, Dec. 29th, 10:15am | Slipper, Robe, and Christmas Carols Sunday

Sunday, Jan. 5th, 10:15am | Epiphany Celebration

