Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in His name.



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

(Established 1836) Flat Rock, North Carolina

Welcome and Reminders

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. While we are broken and incomplete in many ways, we find God making us whole through this parish community. Fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or talk to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy to learn more about St. John. It is wonderful to be with you today!

Reminders for Worship

- We are asking everyone to wear a mask in Sunday worship at least through November 21, and we encourage mask wearing for other indoor church activities.
- If you find out that you have COVID-19 and that you might have brought it to this service, please call the church office and ask for the Rector.
- You will find hand-sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

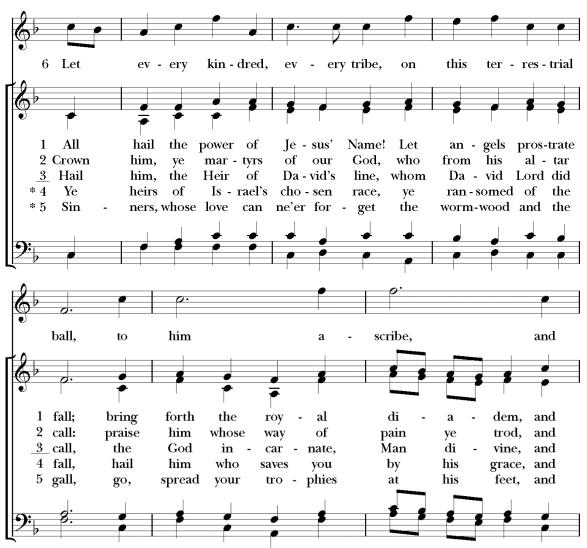
Prelude: Sonata in D major for two flutes, TWV 40: 102 Georg Philipp Telemann

Coronation

Ethan Durham and Melinda Thompson, flutes

Welcome and Announcements

Entrance Hymn: No. 450 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!





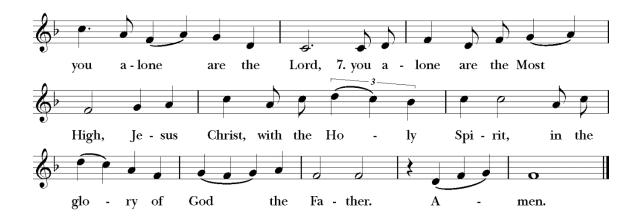
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Acclamation and Response

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant says to the people

PeopleThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet 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.

PeopleAmen.The First Lesson: 2 Samuel 23:1-7These 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.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 132:1-13

Simplified Anglican Chant

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse at 8:45 and chanted at 11:00.

Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)



- Lord, remember DAVID, and all the hardships he enDURED;
- 2 How he swore and 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 place for the Mighty One of JACOB."
- 6 "The ark! We heard it was in **EPHRATAH**; we found it in the fields of **JEARIM**.
- 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**.
- 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.
- 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 Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. People Gradual Hymn: No. 544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Duke Street 0 θ 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 <u>3</u> Peo - ple and realms of ev ery tongue dwell on his 4 **Bless** - ings a bound wher e'er he reigns: the pris - oners bring $\mathbf{5}$ Let ev - erv crea - ture rise and pe - cu - liar θ O 8 ces - sive jour - nevs run; his king - dom stretch from 1 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per 3 love with sweet est song; and in - fant voic \mathbf{es} 4 their chains, the find leap to lose wea - ry e $\mathbf{5}$ hon - ors to King; an - gels de scend our with θ 1 8 0 6 8 \mathbf{x} 1 shore shore. till moons shall to wax and wane no more. 2 fume shall rise with ev - erv ing fice. morn sac - ri 3 shall claim their ear - ly bless ings Name. pro on his fer nal rest, and all who suf want are blest. 4 ter and earth the 5 songs gain, loud men. a re peat а _ 8 Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Duke Street, John Hatton (d. 1793)

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: John 18:33-37

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."

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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. Fr. Josh Stephens

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

Deacon or other leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, 'Lord, have mercy.'

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming; and for the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness we may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one; for those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for José, our Bishop, for Josh, our Rector, for Sandy, our Deacon, for our vestry and staff, and for the ministry of each of us, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our President, and Roy, our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community. For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, for those who are present and for those who are absent, for our families, friends, and neighbors. We pray for Chuck, Vanessa, Joanne, Tom, Eleanor, Susie and Rosie, Katherine, Lois, Dave and Nancy, Kristi, Mary, Mackenzie, JoAnn, Rebecca, Helen, Dianne, Mary, Ann, Herb, Alex, John, Sandy, and Barbara.

Are there others?

That being freed from anxiety and sickness, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. John, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Deacon or Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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 Exchange of Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table.

Offertory Music:8:45Adagio in E minorAntonio Vivaldi11:00King of All Ages, Throned on HighPaul IsomText from 10th century Latin; translated by Mount Saint Bernard Abbey.

King of all ages, throned on high, yet saviour too of those with faith, death at your onslaught died in fear and grace triumphant rules supreme. Risen from death, the heav'nly Christ receives from God the Father's hand power over all created things: A gift he could not know on earth. Then at your coming on the clouds with shining strength to be our judge, cancel the debt we owe you still, give back the glory we have lost. Glory to you, O Christ, exalted from our sight, reigning for evermore, with Father and with Paraclete. Amen.

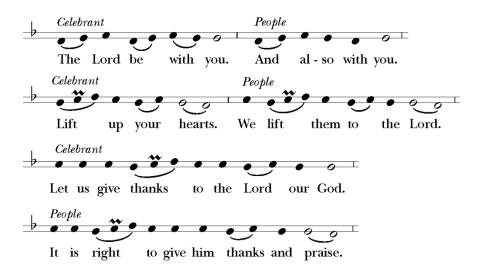
Offertory Response: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Sursum Corda is said at 8:45 and sung at 11:00.



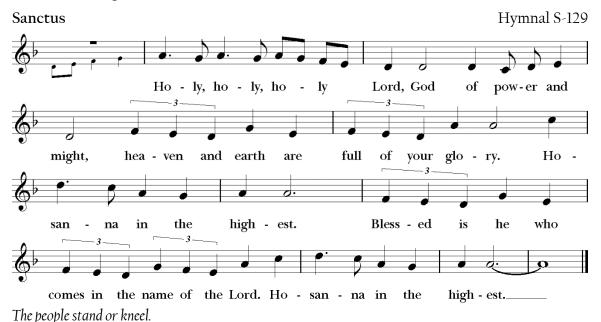
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People



Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

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

People	Our Father, who art in heaven,
1	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

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

The Celebrant continues

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. We are not drinking from the chalice or practicing intinction, but the chalice will be presented to you visually and verbally. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Picardy

Communion Hymn: No. 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence



Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from Chansons populaires des Provinces de France, 1860; harm. after The English Hymnal, 1906

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant With whom will you share this communion?

Eucharistic Visitors respond with the names of those to whom they will go.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we share one bread and one cup.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

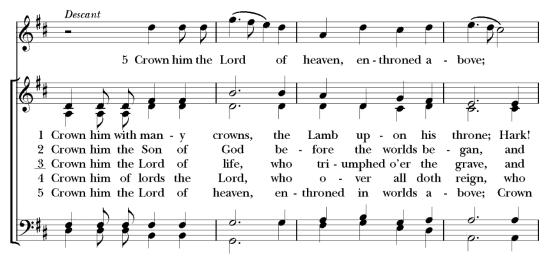
Celebrant and People

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

Dismissal Hymn: No. 494 Crown him with many crowns

Diademata





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Dismissal

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers of the People is that part of our liturgy which offers particular intercessions and thanksgivings to God. Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People. As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Vanessa Wittman, Joanne Adams, Tom Joiner, Eleanor Flowers, Susie and Rosie, Katherine Gee, Lois Karcher, Dave and Nancy VonHolle, Kristi, Mary McCarty, Mackenzie Nosra, JoAnn Ebbs, Mary Stroman, Dianne Nowak, Ann Stringfield, Helen Aschenbrener, Chuck King, Herb Quarles, Alex King, John Gulbrandsen, Sandy Bernreuten, and Barbara Mendel.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory of R. I'On Lowndes, Elizabeth Plumb Lowndes, and Richard I. Lowndes III by their families and in loving memory of Bill and Majary Taylor by Bill and Vickie Taylor.

TO OUR VISITORS! We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing or the Sacrament. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

	November 21, 2021		November 28, 2021	
	8:45	11:00	8:45	11:00
Lay Readers	Sandra Jeffrey	Mike Covell	Judy Petersen	Mark Delk
Acolyte	Danielle Pharr		Mary Shelton	Juliana Savage
Ushers	Bob Sundeen	John Knapp	Jim Spry	Hilton Swing
	Jodi Sundeen	Bettie Orr	George Grzenda	Tom Savage
Greeters	Judy Petersen	Patrice German	Lynn Miller Bonnie Spry	Susan Rex
Cart Driver		Nancy Cooper	1 7	
Eucharistic Visitors	Dick Zecher	Mike Covell		
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Children's Sunday School: 10:00am (during school year only)/Adult Sunday School: 10:00am

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service – Wednesdays 10:30am in the Parish Hall Office Hours- 8:30am-4:30pm M-F

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