

Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King
10 a.m. 23 November 2025

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Tower Bells

Voluntary**Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele**, BWV 654
J. S. Bach

Crown him with many crowns (*Stand*)**Hymn 494**

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

The Celebrant continues

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.*

Song of Praise **Hymn S 236**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

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.

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of
my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the
God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my
people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven
them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend
to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will
gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have
driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they
shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over
them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any
longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise
up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and
deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the
land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in
safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The
Lord is our righteousness.” *[Jeremiah 23:1-6]*

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

Psalm 46 *Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Martin Luther*

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled
into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make
glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado,
and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 “Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”
- 12 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes
from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure
everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the
Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the
saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of
darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved
Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all
creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were
created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or
dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created
through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in
him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the
church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that
he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all
the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God
was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth
or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.
[Colossians 1:11-20]

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

King of glory, King of peace (*Stand*)..... **Hymn 382**

The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they
crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and
one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they
do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide
his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross;
but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him
save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The
soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour
wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save
yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the
King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” [Luke 23:33-43]

Gospeller	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children’s Chapel

Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel for a blessing before processing to Children’s Chapel.

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed (Stand).....BCP 358

The Prayers of the People (Kneel)

At the end of each petition

Leader	We praise you, Christ the King;
People	you have come to your people and set us free!

The Collecct for the Diocese (Remain kneeling)

The Confession & Absolution (Remain kneeling) BCP 360

Welcoming our New Members

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....*Ride on, King Jesus*
arr. Moses Hogan

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts (Stand)..... Hymn 397, v.3

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, eternal Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

The Sanctus (Sung by all)Hymn S 125

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

Fraction (Sung by all) Hymn S 154

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at St. John’s. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread in your hand. You may sip the wine directly from the common cup, or you may allow the Eucharistic Minister to dip the bread in the cup and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine for any reason, fold your arms across your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing instead.

If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to walk to the rail, tell a greeter, and a minister will be happy to bring Communion to you at your pew.

Communion Hymns.....324, 458

The Postcommunion Prayer (Kneel)..... BCP 365

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

Celebrant	N., we send you forth in the Name of this Congregation, to N. bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.
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People	We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.
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The Blessing

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun (Stand)Hymn 544

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary..... Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572
J. S. Bach

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah Ball Palmer Proctor by her family; and by Helen Haines in thanksgiving for Mary Bruce Edmonds on her birthday.

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. each Sunday.

Hearing System

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or “t” telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept amd north tower for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John’s website or contact the church office for assistance.

Weekly Services

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary

10:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II)Sanctuary
service is livestreamed

7:30 p.m.....Sung ComplineSanctuary

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II)Chapel
with Healing Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

Prayers: Diana Daktere, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, John, Ben, Mary Ann, Karen Myers, Roberto de Cespedes, Davis Houck, Kitty Camp, Pat Ifft, Ray, Dave Watson

The Departed: Missouri Baker

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Leslie Roraback, Associate Rector; The Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, Deacon; Melanie Salsgiver, Seminarian