

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

FESTAL EVENSONG 4:00PM

“...and crown him Lord of all!”

On this Last Sunday after Pentecost, we keep the Feast of Christ the King and joyfully sing of our desire to see Jesus crowned as Lord of all creation. After all, who would we rather see rule the cosmos than the One who loved us and gave his own life for us? Lord of compassion, Lord of mercy, Lord of peace, Lord of grace...who better to be crowned Lord of all?

But “all” includes us as individuals. And do we really desire Jesus to be Lord of our own lives? Do we really wish to see him crowned with authority over how we use our time, our money, “ourselves, our souls and bodies”? It is one thing to rejoice that the “Lord of all gentleness” (as one lovely hymn calls him) is also crowned King of creation. But do we really want the Lord of all holiness to hold sway over our unholiness? Do we want the Lord of all righteousness to reign over our unrighteousness? Do we want the Lord of all justice to judge our injustices? Do we want the Lord of all suffering to be enthroned over all our self-indulgence?

Yes, to keep the Feast of Christ the King is to defy the powers and principalities that presume to rule over this world. It is to declare that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to One who was willing to leave the glory of heaven and bear the brokenness of this earth. It is to declare that higher than any prelate or prince or president is a King who was crowned with thorns upon the throne of Calvary’s Cross. And in this Good News we rejoice.

But the best and most important way to keep this feast is to make our own personal homage and obeisance to Christ the King. It is to offer the oblation—the gift—of our individual lives to the crucified Savior. It is to crown Jesus truly as Lord of all: all that we are, all that we have, all that we shall be.

Welcome to Trinity today as we honor Christ our King. Dethrone whatever usurper might claim his rightful place in your heart. Bow low to lay your life before his nail-pierced feet. Then rise to go forth and live as a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven even while you walk this earth.

And crown him Lord of all!

The Very Reverend Dane E. Boston
Dean of Trinity Cathedral

FESTAL EVENSONG

Please maintain a reverent silence before the service

The setting of the Preces & Responses is by John Barnard (b. 1948).

The setting of the Canticles is by Charles Stanford (1852-1824).

VOLUNTARY: Adagio in E

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Hymn 435 “At the Name of Jesus”

King’s Weston

THE INVITATORY (*sung by the Officiant and Choir*)

∇ O Lord, open thou our lips.

℞ And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

∇ O God, make speed to save us.

℞ O Lord, make haste to help us.

∇ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

℞ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen.

∇ Praise ye the Lord.

℞ The Lord’s Name be praised.

GREETING

THE PSALM APPOINTED

The people sit for the singing of the Psalm and stand at the Gloria Patri.

Psalm 119.1-32

Beati immaculati

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way *
and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies *
and seek him with their whole heart.

For they who do no wickedness *
walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged *
that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded *
while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart *
when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.
I will keep thy ceremonies *
O forsake me not utterly.
Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way *
even by ruling himself after thy word.
With my whole heart have I sought thee *
O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.
Thy words have I hid within my heart *
that I should not sin against thee.
Blessed art thou, O Lord *
O teach me thy statutes.
With my lips have I been telling *
of all the judgements of thy mouth.
I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies *
as in all manner of riches.
I will talk of thy commandments *
and have respect unto thy ways.
My delight shall be in thy statutes *
and I will not forget thy word.
O do well unto thy servant *
that I may live, and keep thy word.
Open thou mine eyes *
that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.
I am a stranger upon earth *
O hide not thy commandments from me.
My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire *
that it hath alway unto thy judgements.
Thou hast rebuked the proud *
and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.
O turn from me shame and rebuke *
for I have kept thy testimonies.
Princes also did sit and speak against me *
but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.
For thy testimonies are my delight *
and my counsellors.

Retribue servo tuo

My soul cleaveth to the dust *

Adhaesit pavimento

O quicken thou me, according to thy word.

I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me *

O teach me thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of thy commandments *

and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth away for very heaviness *

comfort thou me according unto thy word.

Take from me the way of lying *

and cause thou me to make much of thy law.

I have chosen the way of truth *

and thy judgements have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto thy testimonies *

O Lord, confound me not.

I will run the way of thy commandments *

when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

Music: Henry Davies (1869-1941)

Henry Gauntlett (1805-1876)

John Goss (1800-1880)

THE FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9.9-16

The people stand.

CANTICLE: Magnificat - The Song of Mary

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 65

The people sit.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3.13-22

The people stand.

CANTICLE: Nunc dimittis - The Song of Simeon

BCP, p. 66

THE APOSTLES' CREED (said by all)

BCP, p. 66

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS (*sung by the Officiant and Choir*)

∇ The Lord be with you.
℞ And with thy spirit.
∇ Let us pray.
℞ Lord have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 67

THE SUFFRAGES

∇ O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
℞ And grant us thy salvation.
∇ O Lord, save the State.
℞ And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
∇ Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
℞ And make thy chosen people joyful.
∇ O Lord, save thy people.
℞ And bless thine inheritance.
∇ Give peace in our time, O Lord.
℞ Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.
∇ O God, make clean our hearts within us.
℞ And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

The people sit.

THE ANTHEM

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquering king.
Oh ride on, King Jesus, no man can a-hinder thee.

I was but young when I begun.
But now my race is almost done.

King Jesus rides a milk white horse.
The river of Jordan he did cross.

He's the King and the Lord of all.
He's the first and the last.
He's the Lord of Lords.
Jesus is the Prince of peace.

Words: Traditional Spiritual
Music: arranged by Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

The people stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *(said by all)*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Hymn 614 "Christ is the King! O friends upraise"

Christus Rex

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Officiant concludes with the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL (*sung by the Officiant and choir*)

∞ The Lord be with you.

℞ And with thy spirit.

∞ Let us bless the Lord.

℞ Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150

Laudate Dominum

O praise God in his holiness *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts *
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet *
praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances *
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals *
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath *
praise the Lord.

Music: George Talbot (1875-19)

VOLUNTARY: Fugue in G

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

Choir: The Cathedral Choir of Boys & Young Men, and altos, tenors and basses of
the Cathedral Singer

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