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The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

Holy Eucharist Rite II



10:00 a.m., November 21, 2021

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Yesupatham Duraikannu

Lay Reader: Vera Johnson

Eucharistic Minister: Denise Hackl

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Social Justice

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer before Receiving Communion

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.



Note about Historic St. John's Church

You are worshipping in a distinguished church building designed in 1872 by the architect William Tuckerman Potter. Part of the earlier 1752 Colonial church is preserved and incorporated in the 1872 church, thereby being one of the earliest examples of historic preservation in America. The original church was funded by Frederick Philipse II, Lord of the Manor of Philipsburg, one of the most important manors in New York State. This architectural fabric is the oldest stone Episcopal Church in New York State.

Though founded by law in 1693, the congregation began work here as early as 1684. The first project in the parish was the founding of a school in the Mile Square area of Yonkers. This begins a long history of community service. St. John's and its parishioners were major contributors in the founding of St. John's Hospital. In recent history this parish was instrumental in founding C.L.U.S.T.E.R., an agency to support people in need, and the Sharing Community which has helped thousands make the transition from homelessness to mainstream life and providing relief to the hungry, the homeless, and the poor.

The primary mission of St. John's is spreading the Gospel and healing message of Christ's love for the world. In continuing this work, the people of Saint John's Episcopal Church support all who pursue peace and joy through the love of God and neighbor. May God richly bless you, and give you faith, courage and strength.

Prelude

Processional Hymn #573 “Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation”

The Word of God

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

Celebrant 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 278 *Gloria in excelsis* - William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant THE LORD be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray. *A moment of silence follows.*

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 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 93 *Dominus regnavit*

- 1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; *
 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 established; *
 you are from everlasting.
- 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 evermore.

A reading from the Revelation to John 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All Stand

The Gospel **John 18:33-37**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

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

All sit

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Yesupatham Duraikannu

All stand **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. 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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

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

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

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

Let us thank God for the blessings in our lives.

We give thanks for the COVID-19 vaccines; for those who celebrate birthdays this week including Giselda Nascimento; for all who listen to our weekly audio and on-line offerings; for this neighborhood of Getty Square, The Sharing Community and Westhab, The Salvation Army, the YWCA and the YMCA, the Yonkers Fire and Police Departments, all teachers, students and elected officials including our Mayor; for Saint John's Riverside Hospital, Saint Joseph's Medical Center, for all hospitals, nursing homes and group homes and for all who work to help others.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

We pray for our Bishops, inspired ministry in this Episcopal Diocese of NY, and for Anthony Johnson, a Candidate for Ordination as a Deacon.

We pray for all who are affected by the pandemic, for all who have lost their jobs and all who are struggling to pay rent and other expenses, and for those in danger by virtue of their labor. We also pray for the Yonkers Chapter of the NAACP.

We pray for all in need of God's healing grace and today especially for Margaret Ayers, Beth Buckaroni, Kimberly DeShon, Mary Stelley, Marge Weaver, Joy Sullivan, Deborah Holcombe, Duccio Bandini, Susan Innabi, Ginger Connolly, Steve Oscatzy, Kelly Chadwick, Deane Prouty, Agnes Schumacher, Trudy Vilches, Ival DeBride, The Rev. Canon Claudia Wilson, Wayne Kniffen, Henry McNamee, Catherine Corry, Judith Shorrocks, Philip Auman Godlewski, Judy Hinsch, Marie Baptiste, Margaret Arguinzoni, Aida Carino, Shelly Henderson, Connie Tracey, Ruby Dixon, Joan Smith, Velma Crichton, Edith Williams, Carol Shoemaker, John Gore, Anna Walters, Thomas

Neale, John Farrell, Barbara & Chris Michel-Karsten, Carla Jean DeBride, Naomi Henderson, Shaadira Smith, Roland Smith, Melvyn Davis and Floyd Davis.

We pray for those impacted by the wildfires in Asia, Canada, Europe, Northern Africa and the United States; the people of Haiti, for the Scavenging Workers' Children in India; for those impacted by the famine in Ethiopia; for the humanitarian crises affecting African, Rohingya (pronounced Ro-hinge-ja), Syrian, Venezuelan and Yemeni people; for all those in danger due to armed conflict and political turmoil, including the people of Afghanistan, the Congo, Ethiopia, and Nigeria; for all refugees and those seeking asylum; for an end to the gun violence plaguing our nation; for an end to hate crimes involving Jewish Synagogues; for all who have been treated less than justly—including Asian Americans and members of the Sikh Community; and for changing hearts surrounding issues of racism in America.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died from illness, natural disasters, and warfare; for those who have been murdered in recent gun violence across our country; and, for the more than 755,000 Americans and the over 5 million people around the world who have died from Corona Virus. We also lament those who have died over the centuries including indigenous people, and all who have died due to slavery, lynching, racism and the unequal and unjust treatment of peoples in this country. We remember with gratitude the lives of all Veterans.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Silence

Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Absolution

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.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord while remaining in your pew and physically distanced.

The Church Notices and Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

The Holy Communion

All stand **The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 together

**Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Either Kneel or Remain Standing

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John the Evangelist, and all your saints, we may

enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 and Celebrant)

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

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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant *(Facing the People, the Celebrant gives the following Invitation)*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament. Please remain in your Pew and the Priest will bring Communion to you. To receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest in an "x".

All Stand or Kneel

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together

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.

The Blessing

All Stand

Post-Communion Hymn #494 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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