

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MACON, GEORGIA



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Christ the King

Sunday, November 22, 2020 @ 10:00 am

WELCOME!

Welcome in the Lord's name to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. No matter who you are and where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome! You bless us with your presence. We are gathering in unique ways during this time of COVID, thus we are worshipping in our Outdoor Chapel. Please review all the posted instructions, found in the email confirming your registration and in the back of this bulletin. We all are following these guidelines to love and care for one another.

When you exit your car, please wear a mask until you return to your vehicle. Due to our safety guidelines, ushers will seat you based upon the size of your group or special needs. You may place your chair (s) in your assigned space; please remain there during worship. During worship, at various times we stand, sit, and kneel; these instructions are for those who are physically able. An ***** indicates the **people stand**. There will be no bulletin or handouts, processions, congregational singing, or offering plate. 'The Peace' will be passed without touch, using some distanced sign of peace. When our service concludes, please return to your vehicle with safe distancing and do not congregate. All these precautions are to protect each other's health. Thank you for your cooperation. We are delighted you are with us, and hope to see you again at future parish events.

REGARDING COMMUNION

All who seek Christ are welcome at God's Table. After the invitation to communion, Eucharist in one kind (bread only), wrapped in a plastic bag for safety, will be brought to you. In our Eucharistic Theology, receiving in one kind is efficacious as fully partaking of the Eucharistic feast. Please remain in your space. You may stand and hold your hands out to receive, but standing is not necessary. Take the bread out and consume reverently. Please retain your plastic bag and dispose of properly. If you do not wish to receive, cross your arms over your chest and you will receive a blessing.

COVER ART

Allegory of Wisdom - by Benedetto Luti (1667-1724 AD)

Painting completed between 1685-1724 AD

The cover art is based on Ephesians 1:15-23.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Psalm 95:1-7a

Venite, exultemus

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel**

Matthew 25:31-46

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you

did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Bryan Hinson

*The Nicene Creed

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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

Through baptism we have been raised with Christ, ordained to a royal priesthood, and made citizens in a holy nation. As faithful priests serving the King of kings, let us intercede for all the world, saying: In the name of Jesus our King, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, sovereign majesty, as your humble priests we pray for all your children who do not confess you as Lord. Enable us to live in the good news convincingly, that all may inherit life eternal in the kingdom of heaven. For our ministries with: Appleton Episcopal Ministries, Campus Ministry, Daybreak, Haitian Hope, Loaves and Fishes, Path to Shine, St. Paul Apartments and Village, and Weekend Lunch. In the name of Jesus our King,

People: hear our prayer.

Almighty God, ruler of all nations, cause the leaders of nations to recognize your sovereignty and to accept your gracious rule. Make them proponents of peace and lovers of justice. Crown each ruler with compassion, that all peoples may live in peace. In the name of Jesus our King,

People: hear our prayer.

Almighty God, merciful monarch, look with pity on all who suffer: those with incurable disease, those unjustly imprisoned, those denied dignity, the hungry, those without shelter, those who live without hope. We pray especially for those on our long and short term prayer lists. Direct us toward them, that their royalty may be reclaimed and their lives celebrate your grace. In the name of Jesus our King,

People: hear our prayer.

Almighty God, Lord of the church, we pray for your holy catholic church on earth. Gather all who bear the name of Christ into one vigorous, fruitful community of faith, that the world may see on King of glory and one kingdom of grace. We pray especially for, ++Michael, +Rob, and +Don our bishops; Bryan+ and Gary+ our priests; for the bishop and people of our companion and partner, Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana; and for all congregations seeking new or renewed direction. In the name of Jesus our King,

People: hear our prayer.

Almighty God, benevolent judge, we pray for all your people gathered here to seek your grace. By your mercy, prepare us for the day of judgment, that we may accept it as a rich

and royal gift for the eternal pleasure of the faithful. In the name of Jesus our King,

People: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant these petitions, O God, according to your perfect will, that your holy name be praised and proclaimed until that day when all the faithful shall gather before your throne in heaven, through the merits of Christ the King.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin (*silence may be kept*)

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

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: 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 Peace**

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Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Offertory Hymn

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

***Sursum Corda**

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds adding the proper preface.

Celebrant: “Therefore we praise you ... proclaim the glory of your Name:”

***Sanctus**

Spoken

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.

The People may be seated, then the Celebrant continues.

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

“We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...”

The Great Amen

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Celebrant: “... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.”

All: AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer

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

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, 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.**

***Breaking of the Bread**

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

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Everyone is to remain seated. Communion in one kind (bread only) will be brought to you.

Communion Hymn

“Where cross the crowded ways of life”

Hymn 609

Post Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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

***Closing Hymn**

“Crown him with many crowns”

Hymn 494

***Dismissal**

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The Deacon, or Celebrant, sends us forth into the world; the people respond

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, *Bishop*
The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, *Assisting Bishop*
The Rev. Bryan Hinson, *Priest-in-Charge*
The Rev. Dr. Gary Abbott, *Retired Priest-in-Residence*

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Class of 2021

Charlie Bradshaw
Teri Kramer
Nancy Ogilvie

Class of 2022

Billie Abbott
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Sean McCrackin

Thank you for joining us in worship.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Andrea, Anna, Becky, Bob, Brad, The Broome Family, Bubber, Carol, Charlie, Danny, Debra, The Edge Family, Elizabeth, Ella, Estella, Eve, the Garner family, George, Geraldine, the Greene family, Harriette, Helen, Ishmael, James, Jamie, Jim, Julie, Kaleb, Kimberly, Madeline, Matthew, Martha, Melissa, Mike, Nadine, Nathaniel, Nichal, Pam, the Parker family, Phil, Ramsey, Robert, Roslyn, Roy, the Sanders Family, Sandy, Tamika, Terri, Victor, Walter, Wesley, William, William

We pray for those on our long term parish prayer list: Amy, Becky, Betty, Betty, Bess, Bob, Chris, The Coley Family, Cynthia, Danny, Dawn, Debbie, Elizabeth, Francis, Hill, Howard, Jay, Jerry, Jessica, Jill, Jim, Jonas, Julie, Karen, Kay, Kelly, Laverne, Mackenna, Marian, Mercer, Mike, Nicholas, Patrick, Rebecca, Red, Rhonda, Richard, Ruth, Shirley, Thom, Toni, Tony, Vernon