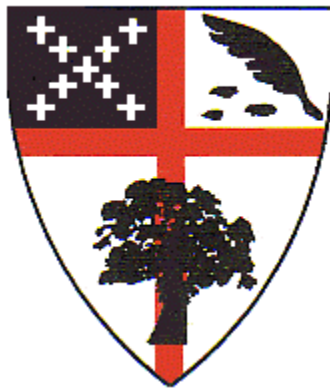


**November 24, 2024  
10:00 AM**

**The Last Sunday after Pentecost  
Christ the King**

## **Morning Prayer**



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**We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field  
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,  
recognizing his presence in all people,  
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.**

***Opening Hymn:*** Pass It On – YSB page 44

***Opening Sentence***

*Officiant:* Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

***Confession***

*Officiant:* 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***

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

***Opening Versicle*** (*stand*)

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## *Invitatory Psalm*

*Officiant:* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

*People:* Come let us adore him.

## *Venite Psalm 95:1-7*

*Officiant and people*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord:\***

**Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving\***

**And raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God,\***

**And a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\***

**And the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it,\***

**And his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,\***

**And kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

## *Psalm of the Day:*

*Psalm 93*

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.

*Officiant and people*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;\***  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

***The Lessons*** *(please be seated)*

***First Reading***

***Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14***

A reading from the Prophet Daniel

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.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***Second Reading***

***Revelation 1:4b-8***

A reading from the Revelation to John

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.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

***Gospel Gradual:*** Spirit Song – YSB page 51

***Gospel Reading***

***John 18:33-37***

A reading from the Gospel of John.

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.”

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Sermon: Only Our Love, Christ the King Sunday (B), by Bertie Pearson*

***The Apostles' Creed*** (please stand as you are able)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## *The Prayers*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

## *Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

## *Suffrages*

*Leader:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People:* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Leader:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People:* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Leader:* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People:* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Leader:* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People:* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Leader:* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People:* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Leader:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People:* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Leader:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People:* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## *Collect of the Day*

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.**

***Prayers of the People*** (please stand as you are able)

*Leader:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Santa Maria Urban Ministry. For St. Andrew's of Ben Lomond and St. Andrew's of Saratoga.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

*(You are invited to offer your own petitions either silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**



*Leader:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*(You are invited to offer your own petitions either silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*All:* **God and Father of all, hear our prayers for all in need and fill your hungry people with bread from heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***The Peace***

*Officiant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Exchange peace.*

***Offertory:*** Spirit of the Living God – YSB page 50

### ***Doxology (Old 100<sup>th</sup>):***

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

## *The General Thanksgiving*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## *A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make  
our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-  
beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you  
will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as  
may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in  
the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

*Announcements (please be seated)*

## *Prayers for Celebrations*

**Loving Creator, You are the source of life and the source of love. We thank  
you for all who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and special events today.  
Watch over them as their days increase, bless and guide them wherever they  
may be. May your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of  
their lives, and may your love for the world shine through them and the deep  
relationships they cherish, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*Please stand*

***Concluding Versicle and Response***

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

***Concluding Sentence***

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

***Mission Song:*** In His Time – YSB page 22



## **Mark your calendar**

- Wednesday Book Group, every Wednesday morning at St. John's, 11am
- Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas carols & labyrinth walk , 7pm
- Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany dinner, 6pm

## **Vestry Members**

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