

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Feast of Christ the King

Sunday, November 20, 2022 • 10:45am

*Celebrating and Preaching: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ketlen A. Solak*

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**Prelude: Deutsche Tanze & Ecosaisen, Op. 33, D.783**

**Franz Schubert (1797-1828)**

**An die Musik, D. 547**  
**Steven Cosnek, Tenor**

**F. Schubert**

*Beloved art, in how many a bleak hour,  
When I am enmeshed in life's tumultuous round,  
Have you kindled my heart to the warmth of love,  
And borne me away to a better world!  
Often a sigh, escaping from your harp,  
A sweet, celestial chord  
Has revealed to me a heaven of happier times.  
Beloved art, for this I thank you!*

**Welcome and Greetings**

**Processional Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, vv. 1, 3-5**

**Hymnal 460**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.  
*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* There is one hope in God's call to us;  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* One God and Father of all.

**Song of Praise: King of glory, King of peace**

**Hymnal 382**

**The Collect of the Day**

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

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 forever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson**  
**Colossians 1:11-20**

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.

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

**Psalm 46:1-6**  
*(Please join in singing – turn to the back of the leaflet for music)*

**Martin Luther (1483-1546)**

**Sequence Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King! (sung to Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>)**

**Hymnal 481**

**The Gospel**  
**Luke 23:33-43**

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."

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

**The Sermon**                      The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ketlen A. Solak, Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*Bishop*                      The Candidates will now be presented.

*Presenters*                I present these persons for Confirmation.  
I present these persons to be received into this Communion.  
I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

*Bishop*                      Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?  
*Candidates*                I do.

*Bishop*                      Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidates* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.  
*Bishop* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?  
*People* We will.

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Bishop* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* 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.

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Bishop says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

### **The Laying on of Hands**

*Bishop*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*During the Laying on of Hands, the hymn is sung.*

**Hymn: Amazing Grace**

**Hymnal 671**

### **For Confirmation**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours forever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

### **For Reception**

*N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

### **For Reaffirmation**

*N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

### **Announcements**

**Stewardship Testimonial**  
*Dana Bloomberg*

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**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Bishop*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Anthem: Psalm 100**

**Heinz Werner Zimmermann (1930-2022)**

**Jack Birdsall, Bass; Christin Cooper, Organ**

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!  
Know that the Lord is God!  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
And his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him, bless his name!  
For the Lord is good;  
His steadfast love endures for ever,  
And his faithfulness to all generations. Alleluia!*

**The Great Thanksgiving, EOW Prayer 1**

*The people may stand or kneel.*

*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 our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Celebrant and People, Hymnal S 128*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*



*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*Celebrant and People*



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

### **The 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, forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

### **Agnus Dei**

**Hymnal S 165**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. Please come forward to receive through the center aisle, returning through the side aisles. You are welcome to receive just the bread, or the bread and the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please take the bread in your hand and sip the wine from the chalice. For sanitary reasons, we ask you not to dip the host in the wine. If someone with you would like communion brought to them, please let a greeter know.*

### **Communion Hymn: My song is love unknown, vv. 1-3, 7**

**Hymnal 458**

### **Post Communion Prayer—said together**

Let us pray.

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.

## **Blessing**

## **Dismissal**

The worship is ended, the service begins.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## **Closing Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation**

**Hymnal 518**

## **Postlude: Improvisation on Westminster Abbey**

### **Music Notes**

Today we celebrate Confirmation on Christ the King Sunday – the last Sunday after the liturgical season of Epiphany. In today’s culture we recognize the royal term of kingship as somewhat archaic, a title with limited power. In the history of the nation of Israel, however, kingship was everything. Ancient Israel was caught between the giant powers of Egypt and Mesopotamia, and for the first 200 years after the Exodus, the chosen people were ruled by a political formation of judges to assure that God’s law was correctly observed. Later, the people called for a king to represent them with a central power that could compete with neighboring powers. After King Solomon’s death, the Jewish nation was split into two kingdoms and the northern nation of Judah was overrun by the Assyrian Empire. So goes the story of kingships save one: the Eternal Kingdom of Christ the King.

Today our hymns and choral anthem are spiritually regal. See especially George Herbert’s text “King of glory, King of Peace,” which we sing at the Song of Praise. Here is a King to love and to serve – a King that will listen and save us! So, our response is Psalm 100: “Sing a joyful noise to the Lord,” which the choir sings at the offertory. This setting by Heinz Zimmermann is infused with a jazz-like walking bass line underneath imitative choral phrases. Interspersed throughout the work, the organ plays *The Old Hundredth*, the hymn tune associated with “Praise God from whom all blessings flow.” Blessings from our King, indeed!

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**Those being Confirmed, Received, and Reaffirming their Baptismal Vows**

Margaret Louise Kenney  
Judith Lynn Symons

Edward Carter Symons  
Susan Dlugos  
Steven Anthony Cosnek  
Amy Lynn Bair  
Donald Stephen Bair  
Allen Lee Bashaar  
Kathryn Ann Bashaar  
David Samuel Choura  
Norman T. Cable  
Geraldyn Ann Dugan



- 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 topped 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 over thrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.