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Holy Eucharist Rite II **Prayer B**

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

PRELUDE:

Instrumental

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Composed by: Charles Converse

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 460) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

GLORIA:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(S 278) Glory To God

COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p. 357

Celebrant: God 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 for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

The people sit.

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.

PSALM: Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

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 HYMN:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 490) I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

All stand.

Celebrant: 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."

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

POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

Instrumental

Improvisation
Composed by: John Partridge

THE SERMON: The Rev. Annie Mertz

THE CREED: BCP p. 358

All stand

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:

All remain standing

CONFESSION OF SIN: BCP p. 360

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:

THE PEACE: BCP p. 360

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Haven't had a chance to pledge yet? There's still time! Pledge cards are available at the back of the church & may be completed & turned in today. Thank you!

- Youth Worship Team Training Today after the 11 am service.

- Interfaith Service at Congregation B'nai Israel in Vallejo, Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7 pm.

- Help support Thanksgiving Community Meal on Weds, Nov. 25 with ready- to -serve pies and/or $5 & $10 Safeway Gift Cards. Pies to be delivered by noon on Weds.

- Tickets on Sale today during both coffee hours for the SSP Chili Dinner on Friday Dec 4.

- The Giving Tree is Back! We're working with the Jeannie Hamann Foundation's Adopt-a-Family Program, supporting 16 families who have experienced the challenges of cancer this year. Pick a tag off the tree starting next Sunday.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & TRANSITIONS:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION:

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: BCP p. 376

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

The following is sung by the choir only.

God So Loved the World
Composed by: John Stainer

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 555) Lead On, O King Eternal

SURSUM CORDA: BCP p. 367

The People remain standing.

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS:

Celebrant and people
Please refer to your hymnal.

(S 130) Holy Holy Holy

The Celebrant continues...

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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 LORD'S PRAYER: BCP p. 363

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, forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(S 152) Christ Our Passover

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

All are welcome to come forward for communion. If you're new to the sacrament, please reference the card in the pews with more information. The bread is given with the words, 'The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.' The wine is given with the words, 'The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.'

COMMUNION SOLO:

Instrumental

Fairest Lord Jesus
Improvisation by: John Partridge

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 609) Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: BCP p. 366

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING:

The Celebrant blesses the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 484) Praise the Lord Through Every Nation

DISMISSAL:

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Instrumental

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ
Composed by: Johann Heinrich Buttstedt



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!

* **Interfaith Service at Congregation B'nai Israel in Vallejo, Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7 pm.**

* **Help support Thanksgiving Community Meal on Weds, Nov. 25 - See announcements for details.**

* **See announcements for our upcoming November Calendar changes!**

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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Jim Turner
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Mark Park
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WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Patrick Fitzgerald

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S. Air Force Reserves
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Airman Andrew Severa, U.S. Air Force
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Captain Greg Arnold, U.S. Navy

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

11/23 Rosanna Brown
11/26 Lulu Tygielski
11/27 Joe Brien

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
	8:45 AM	**11:00 AM**
Music	John Partridge	Cameron DePalma
Lector	Karen Lowe	Cathy Cellini
Intercessor	Ann Lindsay	Martha Saldana-Wolf
LEM	Robyn Wall & Maleah Rios	Cathy Cellini & Maleah Rios
Shared Prayers		Nancy Bryan
Ushers	Ann Lindsay & Pam Gardner	Donna Patey & Kathy Gojack
Altar Guild	Cathy Cellini & Susie Bonstin	
Flower Guild	Karen Lowe	
Verger	Gene Ekenstam	
Coffee Hour	Barry & Sally Cunningham & Marjorie Lowry	

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:
The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

STAFF:
John Partridge, Traditional Music Director
Cameron DePalma, Contemporary Music Director
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MISSION:
St. Paul's welcomes all people at any stage of their spiritual journey to worship together, care for the community, and live the message of Jesus Christ.

VISION:
We strive to be an active, diverse and welcoming community where people come together to worship and deepen their faith.

VALUES

COMMUNITY:
We support our neighbors through service & compassion. We are a safe space & a supportive community where members are cared for by one another.

INCLUSION:
We are an inclusive community where people of all identities, backgrounds & histories are welcome to find & continue their spiritual journey.

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST:
We believe in striving to live the message of Jesus Christ every day. At St. Paul's, we walk the way of love together.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH:
At any point in a person's spiritual journey, there are opportunities to learn, grow & strengthen one's faith at St. Paul's.

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CALENDAR

The Last Sunday after Pentecost - Christ the King



6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
8:30 am - 12:30 pm Nursery Hours (U)
8:45 am +Communion
10 am Coffee Hour (P)
10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) & Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
11 am +Communion
12 pm +Worship Team Training (after the 11 am service)
12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
8 pm AA (P)

MONDAY: 11/23

7 am AA Meeting (P)
9 am +Morning Prayer
4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
8 pm AA Meeting (P)

TUESDAY: 11/24

7 am AA Meeting (P)
9 am +Morning Prayer - ***Cancelled***
1 - 2:30 +Organ Practice
5:30 pm Kiwanis Meeting (P)
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study - ***Cancelled***
7:30 pm Interfaith Service @ Congregation B'nai Israel in Vallejo

WEDNESDAY: 11/25

7 am AA Meeting (P)
9 am +Morning Prayer
10 am +Communion - ***Cancelled***
11 am Bible Study (L) - ***Cancelled***
4:30 pm Thanksgiving Community Meal (P)

THURSDAY: 11/26

Happy Thanksgiving
Office Closed

7 am AA Meeting (P)
7:30 am Coffee with Rev. Annie - ***Cancelled***
9 am +Morning Prayer

FRIDAY: 11/27

Office Closed

7 am AA Meeting (P)
9 am +Morning Prayer
10:30 am Al-Anon Meeting (U)
7- 9 pm NA Meeting (P)

SATURDAY: 11/28

7 am AA Meeting (U)

The First Sunday of Advent

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
8:30 am - 12:30 pm Nursery Hours (U)
8:45 am +Communion
10 am Coffee Hour (P)
10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) & Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
11 am +Communion
12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
4 pm Meditation (P)
8 pm AA (P)



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P = PARISH HALL
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K = KITCHEN
L = RECTORY LIBRARY
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