

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Christ the King Sunday · Rite I Holy Eucharist · November 24, 2019 · 8 am

Our service begins on page 323 in the blue Book of Common Prayer.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 46

- 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 toppled 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 overthrown; *

God shall help her at the break of day.
7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

THE SECOND READING

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 GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant For love of God and love of neighbor, let us pray for the Church and for the World, saying: In the power of the Holy Spirit, fill us with Life.

Following each petition, the people respond

Fill us with Life.

The Celebrant concludes:

Faithful God, you form and fill us with grace and love. Send us forth from this gathering inspired by Jesus Christ, our everlasting Life. **Amen.**

RECEIVING COMMUNION

The Church believes that in Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ is given to God's people and received by faith. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome here and invited either to participate in Communion or to receive a blessing. To receive the bread, please hold your hands out in front of you. To receive the wine, help guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer, you may dip the bread in the wine and then place it in your mouth. If you do not wish to receive the bread and the wine, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands across your chest, and receive a blessing. **Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.**

COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

Birthdays in the next week: Frank Keenan, Eric Vice, Becky Harmon, Cindy Hamann, Murray Monroe, Peg Wyant, Gayle Hummel, Annabelle Huttenbauer, Will Kuper, Lucy Esselen, James Partin, Heather Strom, Caroline Wetherill, Max Rasche.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Linda & George Callard, Kate & Matt Jackson, Karen & Paul Callard, Andrea & Paul Rogers, Robert and Missy Holzman, Mindy LaNouette & Stewart Lewis.

The **FLOWERS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Virginia & Sanger Hinchman by Hobe & Dave Hinchman and in thanksgiving for their new grandchild Amos Glen Roberts by grandparents Kyle & Dave Roberts.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Joyce Keeshin

Lector

Pattie Kovach

Lay Reader

Jim Vance

Intercessor

John Schenk

Bankers

Chris Gorz, Steve Zimmerman, Polly Culp (alt.)

Bread Guild

Hollis Bass, Brian Babb, Blake Gustafson

Flower Guild

Kathleen Stengel, Pam Hickim, Laurie Maguire, Edie Zimmerman

Altar Guild

Karen Murphy, Krista DeVaul, Jenny Gale, Kathe Kissel, Liz Schildknecht

Children's Liturgy

Tommy Kirk, Kelly Schleker



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