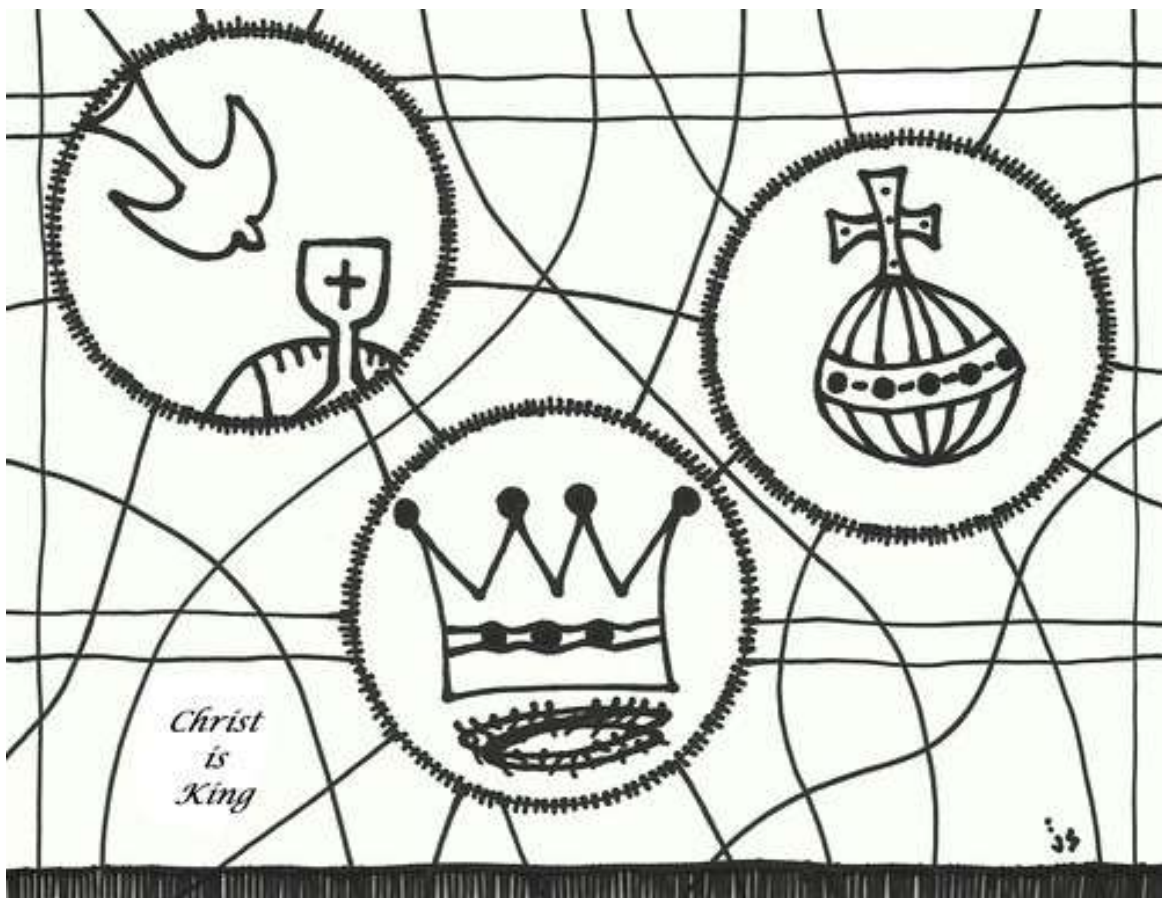


Come 4th Sunday!

The Feast of Christ the King



The last Sunday after Pentecost
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
November 23, 2025
10:00 A.M.

About Come 4th Sunday

At St. Peter's the fourth Sunday of the month is **Come 4th Sunday**. It's a time when we come forth in new ways to celebrate being the Body of Christ.

Children come forth to read Scripture and lead prayer, and to get a better look at what's going on.

Families come forth to take on new roles.

New members come forth for a blessing.

We all come forth to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, and we all go forth as his disciples – with God's help.

The Scripture translations are typically from the resource *God's Word, my Voice*, by Lyn Zill Briggs, *Church Publishing: 2015*. Today's translations are from the Easy English Bible, Copyright © MissionAssist 2018, 2024. They are written in a way that is easy for young readers to proclaim and understand.

Our opening prayers are from the supplemental liturgical materials in *Enriching Our Worship 1*.

Our choir will lead us in songs that are simple to sing but full of meaning. When the words aren't written in the leaflet, we use the Blue Hymnal; the thin green Wonder, Love and Praise Book (WLP), or the thin blue With One Voice (WOV) hymnal.

And you can even color the front page of the leaflet. Crayons are available in the basket in the narthex. All ages welcome.

Infants, toddlers and their families can hang out in **our soft space on the right side of the worship space**, which welcomes soft toys, soft activities and soft voices. Wiggles are also welcome.

Overall, this is a great opportunity to ask yourself, how can I come forth to serve Jesus in new ways this year?

Gathering in Joy

Prelude: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Anne Krentz Organ (1960-)

Opening Hymn: LEVAS #14 Soon and very soon

The Opening Acclamation

EOW 1

Presider: Blessed be our God

People: For ever and ever. Amen.

The Presider says to the people

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, your desire is for everything that is lost and broken be found and healed through your son, Jesus, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Free all the peoples of the earth from our divisions and our sins, and bring us together under Christ's divine rule of love; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah (23:5-6)

The Lord says, "The time will come when I do this:

I will cause a descendant of David to be born.

He will be righteous.

He will grow like a branch on the tree of David's family.

He will rule as king in a wise way.

He will do what is right and fair in the land.

While he rules, the people of Judah will be safe.

And Israel's people will live in peace.

People will give this name to him:

'The Lord is our righteous Saviour.'"

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 46:1-12

Reader: The Response to the Psalm is:

God is a strong place for us, where he will keep us safe.

God is a strong place for us, where he will keep us safe.

He will always help us when troubles come.

So even when the earth shakes, we will not be afraid.

And when the mountains fall down into the deep sea, we will still not be afraid. ...

God is a strong place for us, where he will keep us safe.

There is a river that runs into the city of God,

and it brings God's blessing to the people there.

That is the holy place where the Most High God lives.

God is in that city. Nothing can ever destroy it.

When dawn comes, God will be there to help it.

God is a strong place for us, where he will keep us safe.

Nations are shouting with anger!

Kingdoms shake and fall.

God calls in a loud voice, and even the earth melts!

The LORD Almighty is there to help us.

The God of Jacob keeps us safe.

God is a strong place for us, where he will keep us safe.

Come and see the great things that the LORD has done. ...

He says, 'Be still and quiet! Understand that I am God.

I rule as king over the nations. All the world will say that I am great.'

The LORD Almighty is there to help us.

The God of Jacob keeps us safe.

God is a strong place for us, where he will keep us safe.

The Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians (1:11-20)

God rules from heaven with great power. We pray that he will make you strong with every kind of strength. Then, when troubles come, you can still be patient and strong. You will be able to thank God, our Father, and be happy. God has prepared good things for his people to receive in heaven. Because God has included you among his people, you will also share those good things in the kingdom of light. God has saved us from the dark kingdom where Satan rules. He has brought us into the kingdom of his Son, whom he loves. God's Son, Jesus, paid the price for our sins and made us free. Yes, God has forgiven us.

We cannot see God. But Jesus Christ shows us completely who God is. Even before God made anything, Jesus was already there as God's Son who rules everything. When God created everything, it was his Son who did it. His Son made everything that is on earth and in heaven. He created everything that we can see, as well as the things that we cannot see. He made rulers and leaders. He made everything that has power and authority. God gave his Son the authority to create everything, so that his Son would receive praise. God's Son was there before anything else was there. And now he causes everything to continue in its proper place. The church is like Christ's body and he is its head. He is where it all begins. As God's special Son, he was the first person who became alive again after death. As a result, Christ is first and most important in all things.

God chose to put his nature in Christ completely. He decided that Christ would die on the cross as a sacrifice. In that way, God would bring all things back to himself. Then everything could live in peace with God. That includes everything on the earth and everything in heaven.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn: *Hymnal 1982 (H82), #544* **Jesus shall reign**

The Gospel – *Luke 23:33-43*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

They took them to the place that is called 'The Skull'. There they fixed Jesus to a cross to die. They also fixed the two bad men to crosses. One of these men was on the right side of Jesus. The other was on his left side.

Jesus said, 'Father, these people do not know what they are doing. So please forgive them.'

The soldiers then picked up Jesus' clothes for themselves. They played a game to decide who would receive each piece of his clothes. The people stood there and they were watching. The Jewish leaders were laughing at Jesus. They said, 'He saved other people, did he? Then he should save his own life! Then we will know that he is really the Messiah, the man that God has chosen.'

The soldiers also laughed at him. They came up to him and they offered him cheap wine to drink. They said, 'If you are really the King of the Jews, save your own life.'

There was also a notice fixed at the top of the cross. It said, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the bad men on a cross at the side of Jesus started to insult him. He shouted, 'You say that you are the Messiah, don't you? Then save your own life and save our lives too!'

But the bad man on the other cross told him that he should be quiet. He said, 'You should be more afraid of God. We will die here, as well as him. We two men have done very bad things. So it is right that we should die. But this man has not done anything wrong.' Then the man said to Jesus, 'Remember me, Jesus, when you start to rule in your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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

The response is: **Help us to love with your love.**

Dear Lord, hear our prayer. We pray for people everywhere:

All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray for our community, country and world. We pray especially for the victims of war, especially for those in Israel and Palestine, for those in Ukraine and Russia and all who are in harm's way in conflicts all over the world.

All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray for all who gather as your Church, especially our bishops, clergy and all who serve in ministry.

All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray for the earth and all your good gifts, especially for the will to address climate catastrophe and help all affected by climate-change related floods, fires and droughts.

All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray for those who need kindness and care, for those who are ill, who are in emotional pain.

All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray for those who need your wisdom and grace.

All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray in thanksgiving for all your good gifts.

All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn them.

Dear Lord, hear our prayer.

All: And bless your people everywhere.

Confession of Sin

EOW 1

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,

We confess that we have sinned against you,

Opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied the goodness in each other,

In ourselves and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

The evil we have done,

And the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore and strengthen us

Through our Savior Jesus Christ,

That we may abide in your love

And serve only your will. Amen.

Presider: 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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Be Still

Roberta Bitgood (1908-2007)

Presentation Hymn: *WOV* #763 Let justice flow like streams

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord is here.

People: God's Spirit is with us.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Presider: God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.

All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again. He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit, we can all be your people. And so with thanks we praise you singing:

Sanctus: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), S125 Holy, Holy, Holy*

Presider: We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God. He broke it into pieces and gave it to them. "This is my body," he said, "Do this, and know that I am with you."

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them, and said "This is my blood, which brings new life. Do this and know that I am with you."

And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life and live in him.

Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

Help us to care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us. Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land we worship you in songs of everlasting praise.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father,
For ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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.

The Breaking of the Bread

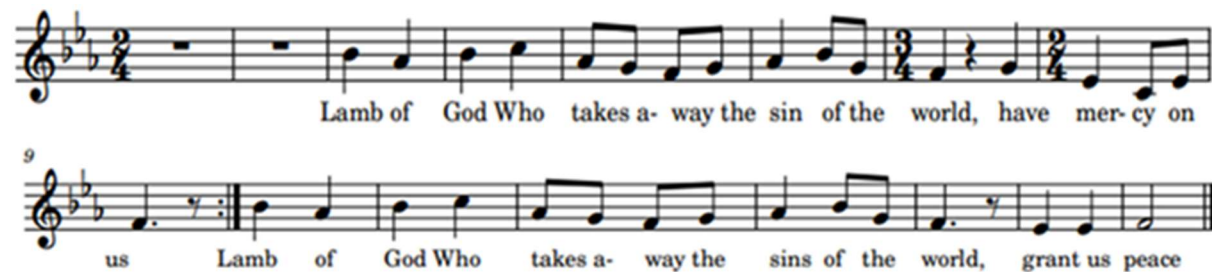
The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Richard Proulx



Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Wakantanka taku nitawa

Lakota traditional song

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider and people together

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.

Sending Out

The Blessing

Litany of Welcome

Priest Dear people of God, I invite your prayers for the saving presence of Jesus in this world,

***Assembly* Christ is risen!**

Priest In this Church,

***Assembly* Christ is risen!**

Priest In this community,

***Assembly* Christ is risen!**

Priest In the hearts of all faithful people,

***Assembly* Christ is risen!**

Priest We pray especially today in thanksgiving as we welcome Sue Hills into the body of Christ in this place.

Priest Do you desire to join St. Peter's Church?

***New Members* I (we) do.**

***Assembly* We welcome you with open hearts.**

Priest We welcome you and pledge to be a community for you.

***Assembly* We offer you our gifts, our care and concern, our hope and our faith, our brokenness and frailty.**

Priest We welcome you, trusting in Christ because we know our imperfections all too well.

***Assembly* We will rejoice together, mourn together, learn together, grow together, take risks together, make mistakes together and forgive one another.**

Priest We welcome the gifts and needs that you bring, and rejoice that you make us stronger and more complete in Christ.

***Assembly* Thanks be to God!**

Priest We welcome you knowing that you will change who we are.

***Assembly* Thanks be to God.**

Priest May God bless our new life together, and lead us in new pathways, in the hallowed name of God, we pray.

***Assembly* AMEN.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

When your birthday or anniversary is announced, please stand in your place and remain standing as we pray.

Birthdays:

<i>Bruce Fabijonas</i>	<i>11/23</i>
<i>Joseluis Memba</i>	<i>11/23</i>
<i>Eileen McBennett</i>	<i>11/26</i>
<i>Elizabeth Nettleton</i>	<i>11/26</i>
<i>Karen Elnicki</i>	<i>11/27</i>
<i>Michael Reeve</i>	<i>11/28</i>
<i>Peter Gottemoller</i>	<i>11/29</i>

Anniversaries: *None this week.*

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. 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.

Announcements

- **As a service project to help earn his black belt in karate, confirmation class member Rocco Guerrero will offer a special forum today explaining his work and teaching some self-defense moves.**
- **We are looking for volunteers to direct traffic, sell raffle tickets, sell baked goods, provide security and generally help on the floor for the Craft Fair on Saturday, November 29th from 10 to 2.**
See newsletter for more info.
- **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 25 at 7PM, at Temple Beth Am, 971 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001. An interfaith prayer service featuring, thanksgiving, and community with our Jewish, Christian, and Muslim friends along with neighbors of all faiths. Special guest speaker, Gov. Josh Shapiro.**

The Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #473 Lift high the cross

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: Perpetuum Mobile

Kristina Arakelyan (1994-)

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Deacon: *The Rev. Robert Smith*

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