Come 4th Sunday!

Christ the King



The Last Sunday after Pentecost
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
November 22, 2026
10:00 A.M.

Today's service music from the "Mass of Creation" is available on the cards in the pews.

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 from the resource *God's Word, my Voice*, by Lyn Zill Briggs, *Church Publishing: 2015.* 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), the thin blue With One Voice (WOV) hymnal or Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS).

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: I am Making All Things New — Wendell Kimbrough
Performed by Kristina Marchuk and Terita Reeve

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, **#495 Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus**

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
Mighty God, you want to make everything new again through your son Jesus, who is the King of kings and Lord of lords. In your mercy, free everyone from their divisions and their sinfulness and bring us together under the leadership of our saving King Jesus. **Amen.**

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading- *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

God says:
I will look for my sheep and find them, just as a shepherd does. I will rescue them from all the dangerous situations they've gotten themselves into. I will bring them into their own land and feed them on the mountains of home, close to water. I'll make sure they have good, rich pasture. I will be their shepherd and I'll make them lie down and rest. I will care for the injured and make the weak ones strong again. I'll get rid of the fat, mean ones and I won't let them hurt the others. David is the one I've chosen to serve as their shepherd for me. He will feed them and take care of them. And I will be their God.
The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100
The response to the Psalm is: Be happy in God, everyone.

Be happy in God, everyone.
With joy in your hearts, serve God and
sing as you serve God.
All: Be happy in God, everyone.

Know this: The Lord is God.
You made us, God, and we belong to you.
We are your people. We are the sheep in your pasture.

All: Be happy in God, everyone.

We will sing your praise whenever we come before you.
You are good, God, and your mercy never ends.
You will be faithful year after year after year.
All: Be happy in God, everyone.

The Second Reading – *Ephesians 1:15-23*
A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

I've heard about your faith in Jesus and your love toward each other. It makes me so happy when I hear these things, and I thank God for you. I pray that God will give you a spirit of wisdom as you grow in your faith, so that with the eyes of your heart wide open, you will know hope. And you will know the riches of what God has given you, and the greatness of God's 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 authority on earth, and above every name that is named, not only now, but forever. And God has made Jesus the head over the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who is with us in everything we do.
The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82),* **#708 Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

The Gospel – *Matthew 25:31-46*
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes again with all the angels, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. Everyone on earth will stand before him. And he'll separate them from each other like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. Then he'll say, 'The kingdom is yours. Come. When I was hungry, you fed me. And when I was thirsty, you gave me a drink of water. You welcomed me when I didn't know anyone. When I needed clothing, you gave me some. You took care of me when I was sick and visited me in prison. 'They'll answer him, 'Lord, we never saw you. When did we see you hungry or thirsty? And when did we see you were a stranger or needed clothes? And when were you sick or in prison? When did we see you and help you? 'And he will answer them, 'I'm telling you, when you helped the very least of my people, you helped me' Then he will say to the others, 'Get out of my sight; when I was hungry and thirsty, you gave me nothing to eat or drink. When I was a stranger, you turned your head the other way, and didn't make sure I had clothing. You didn't visit me when I was sick or in prison.' Just like the others, they asked, 'When did we see you hungry or thirsty, or alone or naked or sick and in prison? When did we NOT help you? 'And the Son of Man will answer them, 'This is what it comes down to-when you didn't help one of my people, you did not help me. Those who did will live forever, but you will be gone from my sight?""

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

The Creed: The God We Love *(Sung by all. See handout.)* Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson, and Matt Redman (CityAlight)

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 for an end to war, and for 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 all who do not feel safe and secure, and for all who bring care in threatening situations.
All: Help us to love with your love.

God, we thank you for all the good gifts you have given us. Bless all who are celebrating Thanksgiving this week, and help us to reach out to those experiencing hunger and poverty.
All: Help us to love with your love.

We pray for those who need kindness and care, for those who are ill or 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 for our needs in silence or out loud … *(Congregants share their prayers)*
We pray for all who have died, and those we name now… *(Congregants share their prayers)*
Dear Lord, hear our prayer.
All: And bless your people everywhere.

Presider: Eternal and compassionate God, receive and fulfil all that we ask according to your will. Give us the grace to welcome your word who is Christ. We ask this through Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin **EOW 1**
Deacon: 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

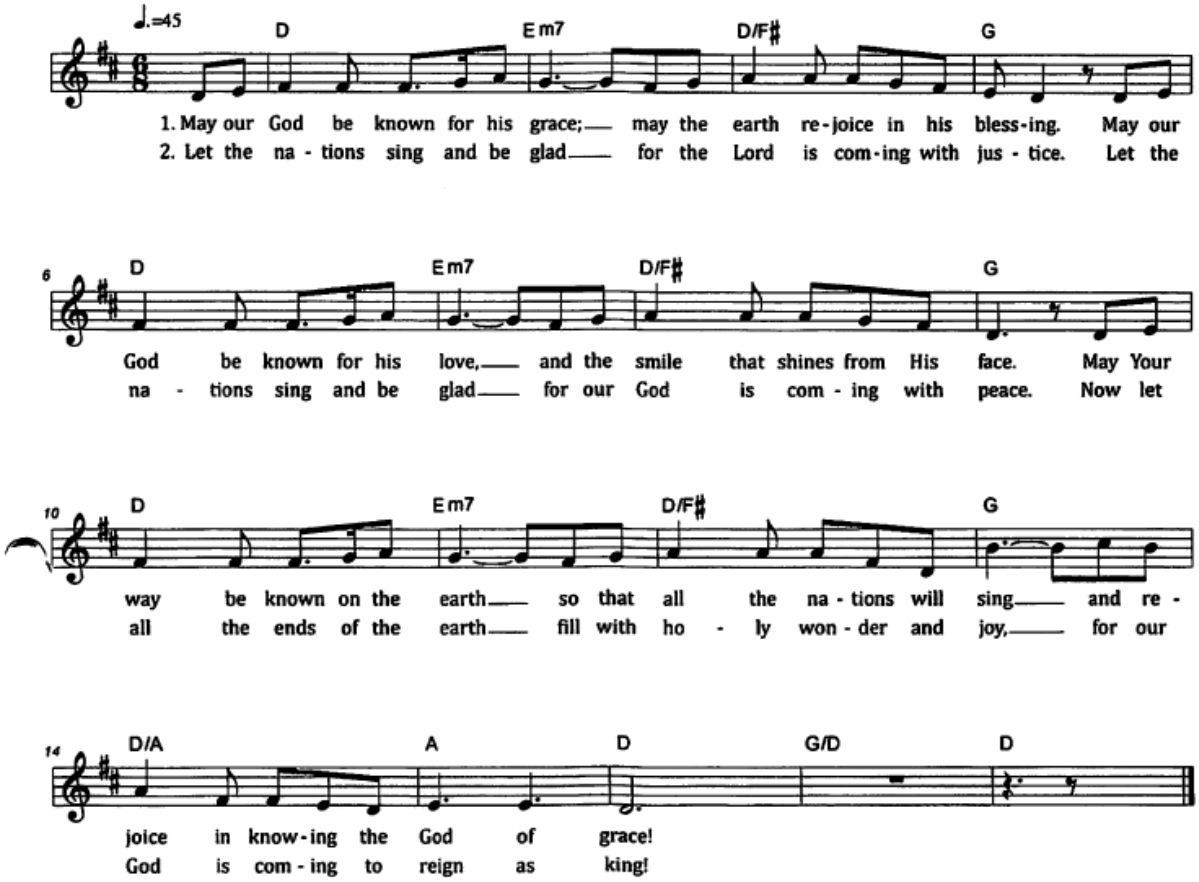
Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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

Celebrating Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Come Light Our Hearts — Sandra McCracken

Presentation Hymn: May Our God Be Known — Wendell Kimbrough



The Great Thanksgiving, New Zealand Prayer Book

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-Holy, Holy: Mass of Creation *(see pew card)* *Marty Haugen*

Presider continues
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. Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ Has Died: Mass of Creation *(see pew card)* *Marty Haugen*

The Presider continues
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.

Doxology & AMEN: Mass of Creation *(see pew card)* Marty Haugen
Presider: Through him, with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours almighty Father, forever and ever …

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

The Lord's Prayer *(traditional language)* **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: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Jesus Lamb of God: Mass of Creation (see pew card) Marty Haugen

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

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Great is Thy Faithfulness **Debbie Panebianco**

The Hymnal 1982 (H82), **#324 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

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

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

Birthdays:

Bruce Fabijonas	*11/23*
Joseluis Memba	*11/23*
Eileen McBennett	*11/26*
Elizabeth Nettleton	*11/26*
Karen Elnicki	*11/27*
Michael Reeve	*11/28*

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:

- Make Advent Wreaths and edible creches in the parish hall following the service.
- All are invited to attend an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the Abington Presbyterian at 3p.m. A reception will follow the service.
- We still need volunteers for the November 28 craft fair. Please sign up using the link in the newsletter.
- The Christmas pageant sign up is now available. Speaking and non-speaking roles are available Please sign up using the link in the newsletter
- The Vestry Nominating Committee is searching for non-Vestry positions such as delegates to attend the annual Diocesan Convention in October. See the newsletter for more information.

The Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #544 Jesus Shall Reign Wher'ever the Sun (Hymnal

The Dismissal
Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Steeple Blessing
If it is not raining, please follow Rev. Barb to the courtyard during the postlude to bless the new steeple. Otherwise, remain in your pews for an indoor blessing.

Postlude: *With One Voice (WOV)*, **#612 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**



Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: *The Rev. Barbarba Ballenger*

Deacon: *The Rev. Jeannie Sachs*

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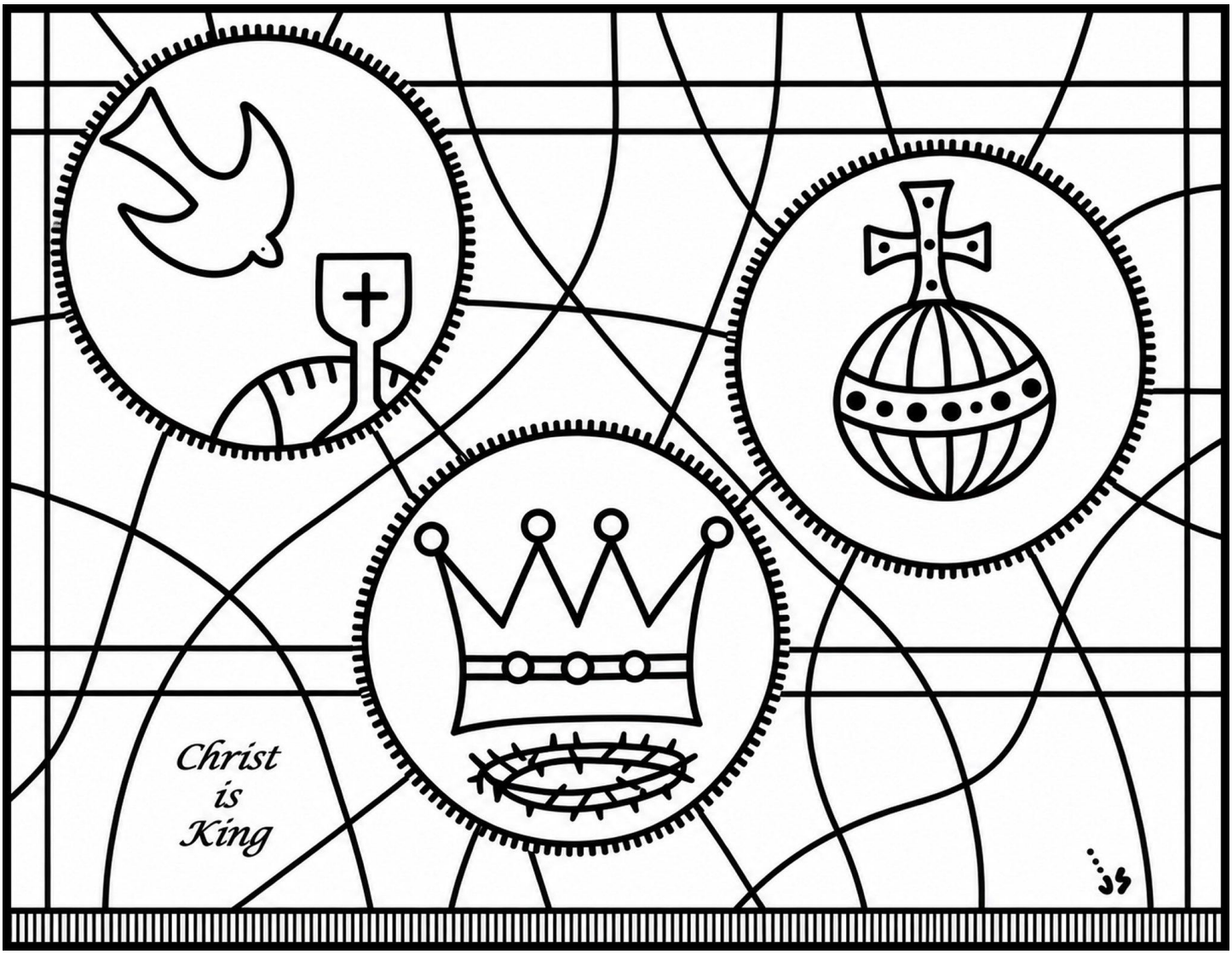
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Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus, Words: John Bakerwell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790); Music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Nieuwe Hollanise Boerenlities en Contradanseu, 1710
Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us, Words: Hymns for the Young, ca. 1930; Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody, from The European Magazine and London Review, 1792.
The God We Love (Nicene Creed), Words and Music by Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson and Matt Redman for Citialight.
Come Light Our Hearts, Words and Music: Sandra McCracken, as recorded by Rain for Roots
May Our God Be Known, Words and Music by Wendell Kimbrough, used with special permission by the composer.
Service Music: Words and Music by Marty Haugen (1950).

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885); Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from Chansons populaires des Provinces de France, 1860.

Jesus Shall Reign Wherever the Sun, Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748; Music: Duke Street, John Hatton (d. 1793).

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah, Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio.


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