

Christ the King Sunday ~ November 26, 2023 ~ Rite 2

Opening Hymn: #494 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.

Gloria #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav - en - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Celebrant: The Lord be with you*

***People: And also with you***

*Celebrant: Let us pray*

**Collect of the Day: 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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

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*

### **The Psalm: Psalm 100**

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \*  
    serve the LORD with gladness  
    and come before his presence with a song.**
- 2 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.**
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
    go into his courts with praise; \*  
    give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**
- 4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*  
    and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## **The Second Lesson: 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.**

## **Sequence Music**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ***

## **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

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***

## Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

## The Nicene Creed

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## The Prayers of the People

*Leader:* Holy God, source of life and fire of love, in this season of Pentecost when we reflect again on what it means to be a community of faith and preach the gospel through our lives, we ask you to hear our prayer as we open our hearts to you.

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own that they may always be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives. We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Allison Carey (11/27), Emma O'Shea (11/28), Marcia Eaton (11/29), Kelsi Marks (12/02) and for those celebrating anniversaries.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's, Woodbury; Grace Church, Yantic; Annual parish meetings, committees, staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**People: hear our prayer.**

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well-being of others. We pray for those who have requested our prayers especially Herb Altsher, Jesse, Theresa, Judy Jones, Tucker Junge, Judy Knox, and for those who are noted in the Continuing Prayers List.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**People: hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our bishops, Jeff and Laura, for our priest Ron, and our deacons Marge

and Donna and all priests and deacons. We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**People: hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**People: hear our prayer.**

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains and plants. We pray that the animals of the Earth may freely enjoy these resources.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**People: hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Mary Elizabeth Lang and Gail Merritt. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends and neighbors, that they may be comforted by those who love them. Let them discover Your love through the care and support of others. The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Alberta Pomproicz in loving memory of her father Paul Pagach.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**People: hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who do not understand or have not found Your love, that they may seek a deeper knowledge of You. May Your love find those who need You most.

*Silence*

Spirit of Love

**People:** hear our prayer.

Priest: For what else shall we pray this day?

**The Confession**

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**The Peace**

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

***People: And also with you.***

**Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory**

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

**Offertory Hymn: #492 "Sing, ye faithful"**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

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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 him thanks and praise**

Celebrant: It is right and good and a joyful thing...

forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name



## Sanctus (Holy, Holy Lord) S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Post Communion Prayer (in unison):**

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**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: #460 "Alleluia, sing to Jesus"**

**Dismissal**

***People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia***

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## **Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for Nov. 26, 2023**

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Alberta Pomrowicz in loving memory of her father Paul Pagach.*

**We pray for our clergy:** Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Fr. Ron; for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for St. Paul's, Woodbury; Grace Church, Yantic; Annual parish meetings, committees, staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds.

**In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for all our parish family and especially for those who have requested our prayers: Herb Altsher, Jesse, Theresa, Judy Jones, Tucker Junge, Judy Knox, and for those who are noted in Continuing Prayers.

**We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:** Allison Carey (11/27), Emma O'Shea (11/28), Marcia Eaton (11/29) Kelsi Marks (12/02) and for those celebrating anniversaries.

**We pray for the deceased,** remembering especially Mary Elizabeth Lang and Gail Merritt.

### **Continuing Prayer List**

Jinny and Jack, Alexa, Brett Schulki, Clyde Conrad, Jr., Wilson, Jeff Baez, Scott Warren, Christine Comeau, Christopher Page, Austin Fritz; Chris Bendoraitis; Ashley Joline; Robert Bouchard, June Beauvais; Star, Laura Beaudoin, Bill Houle, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Derek Anderson, Justin, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Milton Porter, Steve Dubin, Sue & Harry Denaker, Peggy Cobb, Ryan, Joan Hamilton, Ella & Nicole, Roberto Rodegher, Marlin Corbean; Nelson Moore; Brian, Kathryn & Olivia; Tom Robbins & Ti, Caroline, Ron Lamp, Louis Schluntz; Patricia Angelou, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Noel, Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren & Family; Barbara Farren.

## **Ongoing Activities**

- **Balance Class** Mondays 10-11 am, \$5
- **Buildings and Grounds Committee:** First Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- **Building Networks International:** Fridays 7:30 a.m.
- **Choir practice Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Fellowship Café (Memory Workshop):** Every Tuesday, 10-2 p.m.
- **Virtual coffee hours** Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
- **Vestry meeting** Third Thursdays at 7 p.m.

## **Collections for the Diocese of Jerusalem to support those in the Middle East**

The vestry approved a motion that for several Sundays we would dedicate the cash collected during services through November to go to support the American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem. The American Friends supports the work of transforming lives of the vulnerable and displaced in the Middle East through the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and its schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities. The Ahli Arab hospital in Gaza where 400 people died in the bombing on October 17 is one of the hospitals run by the diocese. If you would like to write a check, simply make it payable to St. Peter's and put AFDJ in the memo line, or you can drop cash in the collection plate on Sundays. All funds will be deposited to the Rector's Discretionary Fund and sent on to AFDJ in December.

## News from The No-Freeze Shelter

Hello to all! The no freeze shelter once-a-month Saturday meals are starting up again! The first Saturday is coming up on December 23. If you would like to donate food items for the bagged dinners we are preparing or would like to volunteer to assemble the brown bagged dinners, please email me, Carissa Johnson: [dcfamily6@gmail.com](mailto:dcfamily6@gmail.com) to get involved. We are providing a brown bag sandwich meal once a month from November through April. We are meeting on the 4th Saturday of each of these months to put the meals together. Please email me for all the details and to be included in the group's email and sign-up wizard! Thank you! Carissa Johnson

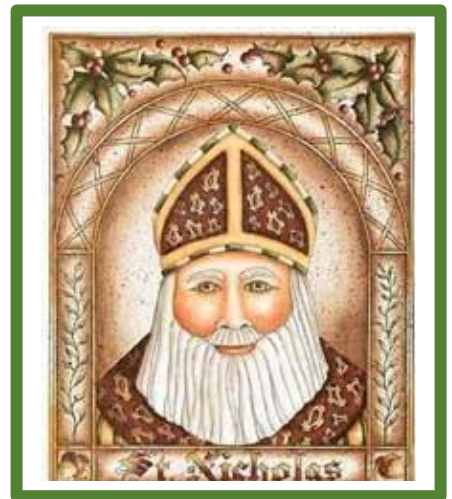
## Saint Nicholas Fair is just a week away!!!

Holiday shoppers will be treated to a country store with homemade jams, jellies, a bake table of breads, pies, baked goods and other holiday treats. There will be a gift-giving table, an attic treasures table, a jewelry table, homemade craft items, needlework, Rada cutlery and mixes catalog for ordering, and also the best vendors.

A drawing for many beautiful themed baskets will be held, with the drawing at 3:00 p.m.

Kids can have their picture taken with Santa.

Available for purchase will be greened centerpieces and cemetery boxes. Refills will be available. Your box from last year needs to be left by Nov 27th behind Phelps Hall, with your name clearly tacked to the box.



A luncheon will feature our homemade chowders and chicken salad, tuna salad, and egg salad sandwiches, as well as hot dogs. Bagels and donuts will be available for a breakfast or brunch snack.

**BUT** we need your help! Come to a **Greening workshop to create centerpieces and decorate cemetery boxes** Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 in the hall. Create a themed basket for our **basket raffle**. Bake for our **baked goods** table that will also include country kitchen - jams & jellies, candy, fudge, and other items. Provide items for the **Craft table**. We will need help in all these areas and hope you will be signing up to help. **PLEASE DONATE gently used Christmas decorations. We really need Christmasy stuff!**

**Sanctuary Performing Arts  
Celebrates Christmas with  
Jason Castonguay in Concert!**

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, 2:30 p.m.  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church,  
30 Church Street, Hebron, CT**



**Jason performs in the great American Songbook tradition, interpreting the best loved classics as the composers envisioned them. This holiday concert includes seasonal favorites that will delight all ages.**

