

## Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

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*The Last Sunday after Pentecost, Christ the King*

### **Ministry Assistants Today**

Lector: *Gabby Barbour*

Intercessor: *Nick Bernitt*

Usher: *Bob Jenkins*

Altar Guild: *Rachel Armstrong*

Celebrant: *Rev. Chris Micklewright*

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### **Welcome to Gloria Dei**

*This is the last Sunday of the Church year, often known as Christ the King Sunday. Today, especially, we take time to acknowledge Jesus as the Christ – the rightful ruler of this world. Jesus is king not because of the greatness of his strength or majesty, but because his life and death and resurrection reveal the greatness of his love. Only this love can truly heal what is broken in our world, allowing us to live in the beauty and fullness that God wants for us. Ending the year with a celebration of Jesus as King is also fitting at this time in our national life. The celebration was originally created in 1925 to address the growth of nationalism in the wake of the first world war. Today, we are seeing a similar struggle with nationalism – and political polarization. Whatever your political views, we are called to give our ultimate allegiance to Jesus, not to any politician or party. So, we hope you'll join us in proclaiming Jesus as king, and in working to love even our enemies with a Christlike love.*

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

**All And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Text adapted by Megan Bartlett  
Heroic

Paul Fejko

Glo - ry to God in the high - est. Good will and peace on Earth. Ble - ssing and ho - nor and glo - ry and  
praise we bring to you. Hea - ven - ly King al - migh - ty God and our Fa - ther. Lord  
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you cleanse the world of sin. We need your mer - cy now. For you a - lone are the  
Ho - ly One the Most High Je - sus Christ, one with the Spi - rit. Glo - ry to God on high!

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All 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.**

*(Congregation is invited to sit for the readings.)*

**First Reading**

**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

**Gabby Barbour**

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 93

- 1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure \*  
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*  
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

## Second Reading                      Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader                      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**All                              Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn # 628

*Help Us, O Lord, To Learn*

Hymnal 1982

## Gospel Reading

Celebrant                      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John (18:33-38)**

**All                              Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

Celebrant                      The Gospel of the Lord.

**All                              Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon                      Rev. Chris Micklewright**

*The sermon is an opportunity to reflect on and interpret the readings in light of the whole of Scripture and Christian tradition. You are always free to disagree with Rev. Chris, and you are more than welcome to reach out for further discussion of the readings and the ideas presented in the sermon.*

*After the sermon, there will be a few moments for quiet reflection. Then the congregation will stand to reaffirm our faith using the Nicene Creed. Some elements may be strange or confusing – and you are invited to engage in future conversation and reflection around the Creed. In the life of faith, we sometimes confess more than we fully understand, and God’s grace is faithful to meet us wherever we are on the journey.*

## The Nicene Creed

**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.**

## Prayers of the People *(the leader and the people pray responsively)*

**Nick Bernitt**

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| Celebrant     | Now let us make our needs known to the God who provides, beginning with silence.  |
| Intercessor   | In the wake of a bitter election, we ask for mercy for our nation – and for those struggling with fear, anger, and despair.   |
| <b>People</b> | <b>Lord, hear our prayer. <i>(Silence)</i></b>  |
| Intercessor   | We ask for courage to resist hatred and division, and for the hope we need as we continue working for justice and peace, respecting the dignity of every human being.   |
| <b>People</b> | <b>Lord, hear our prayer. <i>(Silence)</i></b>  |
| Intercessor   | We ask for protection and relief for the victims of climate change, violence, and oppression.   |
| <b>People</b> | <b>Lord, hear our prayer. <i>(Silence)</i></b>  |
| Intercessor   | We ask for wisdom and humility for those in positions of authority, that they may serve the common good and protect the most vulnerable among us.   |
| <b>People</b> | <b>Lord, hear our prayer. <i>(Silence)</i></b>  |
| Intercessor   | We ask for healthy communities to sustain our faith, and for unity in the church. We pray particularly for Justin, Sean, and Daniel, our Bishops; for Chris, our priest, for our Vestry, and for this congregation; |
| <b>People</b> | <b>Lord, hear our prayer. <i>(Silence)</i></b>  |

Intercessor We remember the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:  
**People** **Trish, Rosa, Hannes, Alex, Carol, William, Paul, Coalton, Joanna, Mark, Dawn, Eileen, Marcine, Margie, Wayne, Bonnie, Jennifer, Kathryn, Mara, Keith, Connie, and Jack.**  
*(Long pause for people add their own petitions.)*

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may know joy in the presence of God, and that their loved ones may be comforted.  
**People** *(Long pause for people to add their own petitions.)*

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God. *(Silence may be kept; please kneel or sit as you are able.)*  
**All** **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your 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.**

Celebrant 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, Announcements, & Offertory

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.** *(Please share the peace by greeting your siblings in Christ.)*

### Pre-Offertory Hymn # 365

### Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymnal 1982

### Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. -1 Chronicles 29:11

*Collecting an offering is a way for us to remember that all we have is a gift from God, and that we are responsible to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us. Guests should feel no obligation to give. Electronic giving is possible using the QR code found on the back of the bulletin. After the collection, the offering is brought forward as we stand to sing together the following song of thanksgiving.*

Flowingly, in 1

Unknown

Praise God\_\_ from\_\_ whom all Ble\_\_ - ssings flow, praise Him\_\_ all crea\_\_ - tures here\_\_ be - low. Praise  
Him\_\_ a - bove all hea - ven - ly hosts, praise Fa\_\_ - ther, Son,\_\_ and Ho - ly Ghost.

## The Holy Communion – Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2

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.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Flowingly Paul Fejko



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of Po - wer and might, Heav'n and Earth are  
6 full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est. Ble - ssed is he who comes,  
11 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est, ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

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Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*(continued.....)*

Celebrant Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**People** *(In a loud voice!)* **AMEN!**

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

<b>All</b>	<b>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,</b>	<b>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.</b>
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#### **Fraction & Invitation**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant This is the table not of the church but of our Lord Jesus. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is Jesus who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

*All those interested in receiving communion should make their way forward to the rail, while the priest and the altar guild assistant prepare to distribute the elements to the congregation.*

#### **Instrumental Hymn # 324**

#### ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

Hymnal 1982

*Episcopal theology recognizes baptism as the formal entry into the Christian community, and baptism is normally a prerequisite to receiving communion. However, we also recognize that God meets us wherever we are on our journey of faith. Moreover, Jesus regularly welcomed and ate with people from outside of his normal community.*

***Therefore, all are welcome at this table - including children!***

*Kneel or stand at the rail, as you are comfortable. Gluten free wafers are available – just hold up one finger. The priest will distribute wafers, which you receive in your outstretched hands. If you wish to receive the wine, you may sip from the cup or dip your wafer; it is also okay to receive the wafer only – we believe that Jesus is fully present in each of the elements of communion. If, for any reason, you prefer not to receive, you are still warmly invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing instead.*

## Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

**All** 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, 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** Rev. Chris Micklewright

**Closing Hymn # 494**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Hymnal 1982

## Dismissal

**Celebrant** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*All are invited to listen to the postlude, and then to join us for a time of fellowship in Riverside Hall.*

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