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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

November 22, 2020 10:00 a.m. ~ Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

Prelude

Cortege et Litanie *Marcel Dupré*

Welcome and Announcements *(see notes page 9)*

The Word of God

Hymn 477 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine (vs 1, 2, 5)

Descant

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, _____
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; _____
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, _____
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou _____
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord _____

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine, _____
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought; _____
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free, _____
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, _____
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; _____

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. _____
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. _____
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. _____
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. _____
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. _____

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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

People **And blessed be his 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.

People **Amen.**

Song of Praise S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.**

The Lessons

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. **The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 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.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

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." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Jonathan Evans

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 worshipped 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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Dabney our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.** *Greet one another with a nod, or a bow, in the name of the Lord.*

The Holy Communion

Celebrant With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.

Offertory Anthem

Lift up your heads (from Messiah) *G. F. Handel*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in!

Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in!

Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

Prayer over the Pledge Cards

The Great Thanksgiving *remain standing* Eucharistic Prayer A

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for

your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S-165

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Celebrant These are the gifts of God for the People of God. To those who, due to this pandemic, are unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine; I assure you that all of the benefits of this Holy Communion are received spiritually, even though the Sacrament is not received physically.

People may pray **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I offer my praise and thanksgiving in communion with those who are receiving the blessed bread and cup at this Holy Eucharist. As I embrace you with all of my affections, send your body and blood to dwell spiritually in my life. Amen.

Communion Music

Choir Motet

Behold the Lamb of God (from Messiah) *G.F. Handel*

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.

Hymn 382 King of glory, King of peace *only choir sings*

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
Tenor or soprano ad libitum
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

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Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

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thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

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After Communion, the people stand as the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Dismissal

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 436 vs. 1, 3, 5 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *remain standing, only choir sings*

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Postlude

Carillon du Longpont *Louis Vierne*

Announcements

- ❖ Best wishes to those who **celebrate birthdays and anniversaries** this week: Jane Dreier, Eleanor Gabriel, Alicia Nordquist, Wolf Shindlebower, Millie Truscott, Dick Walker, Denise and John Ayre, Marita and Albert Marsh, Paula and Dave Sherwood.
- ❖ **Faith-filled Generosity** Abundance Sunday, pledges to be blessed today.
 If you missed joining in the fun and fellowship, celebration and vision of our Cottage Meetings last month, visit our website and search “cottage meeting.” You will hear a special word of encouragement from The Most Rev. Michael Curry and remarks from our parish leadership, and enjoy a chat with St. Nicholas and St. Boniface, and learn what we have to look forward to in 2021. *With joyful hope in uncertain times, let us give for what can be.*
- ❖ Gifts towards the **altar flowers** today are given:
 - in honor of Donald Smith’s birthday, by his family
 - by Nancy Hinds, in memory of Joe Hinds
 - Prill and Chris Nugent, in celebration and thanksgiving for their tenth wedding anniversary
 - from the Farrell and Willard families in loving memory of Dale
- ❖ **Sunday morning Adult Ed** at 9:00 a.m. continues by Zoom, for **Bible Study** contact Fr. Jeff Hamblin, jlh@jeffreyhamblin-md.com, and for the **Book Discussion** group contact Vince Brennan, vhbrennan43@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Thanksgiving Eve service** Wednesday, November 25, 6:00 p.m. in-person and live-streamed. The church office will be closed Thursday & Friday for the holiday. No 12:00 Eucharist on Wednesday.

This week's meeting and worship opportunities:

- ❖ Join us weekdays at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer**, and at 5:00 p.m. for **Evening Prayer** via our St. Boniface Church Facebook page. Go to www.facebook.com to open your account.
- ❖ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** continues on Tuesdays by Zoom to knit prayers together into shawls for those needing to be wrapped in God's healing love. Contact Meg Larrabee by email meglarrabee@hotmail.com.
- ❖ **Circulo español** Conversational Spanish Group meets by Zoom on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. Contact Mary Gordon for more information, 941-923-2302 or jmkpl@aol.com.
- ❖ Join us for **virtual coffee hour** at 10:00 a.m. every Thursday via this Zoom link (password 207747) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83690988158?pwd=UC9ZSmtiWWtuSGNjcUJKbG9lTnpDUT09>
- ❖ **Men of Boniface** gather each Friday at 8:00 a.m. by Zoom, contact Reg Irvine for the invite information, reg.irvine@verizon.net.
- ❖ **A Mystic Looks at Advent** This Advent we would like to invite you to reflect with Fr. Jonathan Evans on the writings of Evelyn Underhill, one of the most read mystics of the early 20th century. We will meet via zoom on Monday nights during Advent at 7pm. You will need to order a copy of "Advent with Evelyn Underhill." Please email jevans@bonifacechurch.org to register for the class.
- ❖ **Thanksgiving Offering** This month your special giving can do double duty, nurturing ministries at St. Boniface, and also feed the hungry in our community. Once we have achieved \$1,000, we will donate all additional gifts to All Faiths Food Bank. Please use the envelope in your packet or send your check to Saint Boniface marked Thanksgiving Day.
- ❖ **St. Nicholas 2020: A Virtual Fair!** Visit bonifacechurch.org to find out how you can participate in the St. Nicholas Fair safely this year. Purchase a set of exquisite art glass ornaments reflective of the St. Boniface Church windows, or direct a donation to Meals on Wheels, All Faiths Food Bank, and Family Promise of Sarasota. All profits from the art glass sales go to these three organizations.
- ❖ **Hope, Relief and ERD** Bring hope to the residents of Central America and southern Louisiana, recently slammed by hurricanes. Visit Episcopal Relief & Development's website (www.episcopalrelief.org) or write your check to St. Boniface (with ERD on the memo line).
- ❖ **"Curbside" Communion** Should you desire to receive the Holy Communion at home during the week, please call the church office.
- ❖ As you are able, your **financial gifts** and continuing payments toward your pledge are appreciated. On-line giving is easy through the donate button at the bottom of the video, or at bonifacechurch.org/stewardship.

November 22, 2020

We are all queens and kings

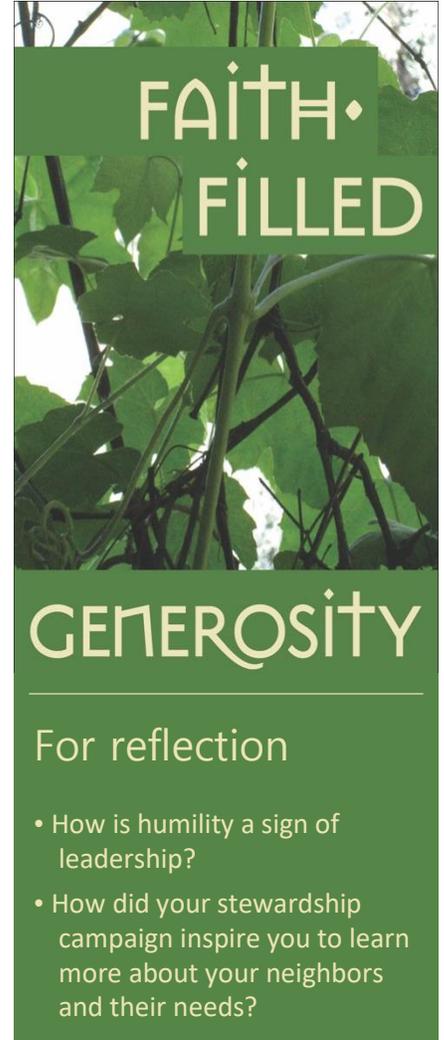
BY J. DAVEY GERHARD



The Church designates the final Sunday of the Church year as the Feast of Christ the King, a day in which the united rule of Christ over all of the universe is celebrated. In many communities, it is a high feast, with altar guilds preparing white vestments, flower guilds celebrating God's glory in elaborate displays, and hymns filled with alleluias. What a way to end the year, to celebrate stewardship, and to prepare for Advent!

But before we get too carried away with the grandeur of it all, today's Gospel tells a different story about kingship and leadership: It tells of service. Typical of Jesus, he begins with what we expect — in this case power and triumph — and turns it upside down and in doing so, reminds us that it is through our ministry that we increase the role of the Church in our community. True power doesn't come through force or wealth or conquest, it is derived from generosity, charity, and love. We change the hearts and minds of our neighbors by loving them and serving them.

Throughout this stewardship season we have heard about the mission of our own churches. You have learned about the ways that your gifts impact the life of your church and your neighbors. Perhaps this year you met the challenges of a global pandemic by adapting your worship. Maybe you responded to the needs of your community by increasing your outreach or your ministry to serve your neighbors. What is certain is that you had the opportunity to express your love and your hope for the world through your annual gift to your church. We seek and serve Christ in all people by serving our neighbors. This is the great commandment of Jesus to his followers and it is one of the promises we make at our Baptism. When we are asked by those we meet on the street or those to whom we minister in our communities if we will offer them drink when they thirst, or visit them when they are lonely, or give them food when they hunger, our answer will be yes! Through our generosity and our faith, we are called to that same royal line as Jesus, leaders in our communities. Now that is a feast worth celebrating!

A vertical graphic with a green background and a photograph of green leaves and vines. The text is in a light green, sans-serif font. At the top, it says "FAITH FILLED" in two lines. Below that, it says "GENEROSITY" in a larger font. Underneath, it says "For reflection" and then a bulleted list of two questions.

FAITH
FILLED

GENEROSITY

For reflection

- How is humility a sign of leadership?
- How did your stewardship campaign inspire you to learn more about your neighbors and their needs?

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