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Grace Episcopal Church Yorktown, Virginia

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We may not gather at the church but we gather as the church

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHRIST THE KING
THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
THE WORD OF GOD

Procession – 494, vs. 1, 3, 5

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

- 3 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

- 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given
the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns,
as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
for he is King of all.

The Salutation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Collect for Purity

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. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise – 433, vs 1, 2, 3

- 1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
sing praises to his Name; he forgets not his own.

- 2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!

- 3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:
thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

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.*

Old Testament

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo*

- 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 Epistle

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sung Gospel Procession – 8-fold Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (2x)

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The 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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Seldon Walker

Period of Silence

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 for Stewardship Season

Heavenly Father, you have promised to provide all that we need, yet our hearts remain anxious for ourselves and our loved ones. We pray that in these difficult times we will stay faithful to you and not relegate you to the margins of our lives. We pray for those anxious about their jobs, loss of income or even their homes. Give us grace to stay centered on you, so that how we live, including the management of our finances, might declare the glory of your presence in our hearts and homes, church, and nation.

Stir up our spirits O Lord

People: that we might see your glory in our midst

Lord, in these difficult times we pray for the ministry and mission of this church and every place of worship. Set us free from the fearfulness that turns us inward. Renew in us a sense of generosity in the use of our time, our talents, and our treasure. Renew in us concern for those who are struggling in our congregation and our community. Renew in us that vision of what it means to be your church, in this place, at this time. We pray especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Susan our Bishop, and for all lay and ordained who nurture our life together.

Stir up our spirits O Lord

People: that we might see your glory in our midst

Lord, in these difficult times, while we have much, we often feel that we do not have enough and desire more, millions around the world are in want and need. Lord, while our financial situations differ, grant that we may hold fast to your teachings in all areas of our life: Our lifestyles, monetary choices, and financial goals. We pray for the poor of the world who suffer from the heaviness of the present health and economic crisis.

Stir up our spirits O Lord

People: that we might see your glory in our midst

Lord, we recognize that these difficult times have shaken homes, communities, and nations. We pray for our leaders, political and social, for economists and bankers, for managers and trade union representatives. We pray for the welfare of our cities, rural communities, industrial and service sectors. We pray you will stir up the spirits of all of us – leaders and people – to take personal responsibility and to seek a sustainable and just prosperity and peace for all.

We pray for Donald the president, Joe the president elect, the congress, and the courts, and for all those who govern and maintain peace in this and every land. We pray for our healthcare workers and first responders, that they may remain safe and healthy.

We pray for those whose vocation is in service to our country, that they may be strengthened for your service and kept free from harm.

Stir up our spirits O Lord

People: that we might see your glory in our midst

Lord we pray for those for whom life now seems as nothing compared to before. We pray for those who are feeling lonely, disappointed, anxious, or fearful. We pray for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, remembering especially, Gary King, Sue Cundiff, Dorris Graves, Jeane Clarke, Jill Brown, Brian Wilson, Marianne Johnson, Jean Clarke, Ann Wilson, Carol Korynta, those impacted by natural disaster, and all infected with the coronavirus, and those we name at this time...

We remember those who have died and those who live now with the pain of bereavement, praying especially for Peggie Slade, Vonnie Bohannon, Pat Penny, The Rev. Dana Douglas and for those we name at this time...

Grant, to each Lord, your promise that, 'In this place I will grant peace.'

Stir up our spirits O Lord

People: that we might see your glory in our midst

Lord, through these difficult times, grant us grace as individuals, as churches and as a nation to embrace a new way of living. May we recognize that the creation of wealth is more than profit; it also embraces social justice, environmental awareness, moral and spiritual values and the importance of trust and relationships in our personal and business dealings. For as our Jewish tradition has taught, all you require of us Lord is that we: Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

Stir up our spirits O Lord

People: that we might know your presence with us in our hearts, our homes and our nation. May we see your glory dwell among us as you do new things in our lives. Amen.

Celebrant

Loving Father you have made us your people, richly provided us with good gifts and called us to live for you; may gratitude be in our hearts; may generosity be in our hands; may justice and righteousness and love guide our feet and may the life of your kingdom and the joy of heaven be found among us. **Amen.**

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence may be kept.*)

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:

Celebrant May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Thanksgiving Basket (*Offerings to the Thanksgiving Basket for November will go to Indian View Baptist Church*)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory

Offertory Music

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 him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *A proper preface is said...*

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus (Setting: Richard Proulx)

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.**

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

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Celebrant

Jesus, with all the faithful who gather in your Holy Name this day, we join in praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We believe that you are truly present in this bread and this wine. We believe that, in your goodness, you unite us, wherever we are, as one body. Although we cannot physically gather at this time, we pray that you come into our hearts and join us with you and with one another in bonds of love.

Celebrant and People

In this holy moment, I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant and People

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Dismissal Hymn

- 1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

- 2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Refrain

- 3 No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Refrain

- 4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King;
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Refrain

Service Assistants

Old Testament: Jim Noel Psalm: Bonnie Griffith, Epistle: Janet Stephens
and Prayers of the People: David O'Brien

PRAYERS OF THE PARISH

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Vonnie Bohannon (friend of Faye Keenan) Pat Penny (sister of Cheryl Clark),
The Rev. Dana Douglas (brother of David Douglas)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Adrian Bogart III, Adrian Bogart IV, Meghan Collins, James Gouger, J.J. Jones, Thomas Lopez, Andrew Sainsbury, Parker Sandford, Jack Tartala, Donald Washburn, and William Washburn.

WE PRAY FOR OUR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Kyle Boyce (son of Debra and Art Boyce) and his partner Lauren Eary, Jessica Harvey (daughter in law of Jeanne and Gary Harvey), Maura McCarley (daughter of Christy and Brett) and her roommate, Genis.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SPECIAL NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF THE PARISH

Brian Wilson, Marianne Johnson, Jean Clark, Ann Wilson, Carol Korynta, Vicki Johnston Cooke (friend of Anne & Glenn Markwith), Margaret Cornett Simms (sister of Caroline Redpath), Bruce Phillips, Hazel Frady, David Landgraf, Sandy Armstrong, Maura Marcella, Ryan Henry (son of Nancy Henry), Jerri Hyle, Foster Ryan, William Carleton (friend of Gordon Rheinstrom), Travis Rountrey (friend of the O'Brien family), Gary King, Sue Cundiff and Jill Brown.

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