

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
CHRIST THE KING  
LITURGY OF THE WORD  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

**PRELUDE – MICHAEL RACINE**

**WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS – ZOOM HOST**

**OPENING SONG**

**RAISE A HALLELUIAH**

**I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies  
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief  
I raise a hallelujah; my weapon is a melody  
I raise a hallelujah; Heaven comes to fight for me**

*(Chorus)*

**I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated, the King is alive**

**I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me  
I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery  
I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me**

*(Bridge)*

**Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) *(Repeat x4)***

**Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies  
Sing a little louder; louder than the unbelief  
Sing a little louder; my weapon is a melody  
Sing a little louder; Heaven comes to fight for me  
Sing a little louder**

**CLERGY WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Leader: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Leader: 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.*

### TRISAGION

*All: Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Leader: Let us pray.  
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

#### THE FIRST LESSON—EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

*Reader: A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.*

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 RESPONSE—PSALM 100** (*Led by Celebrant*)

***Jubilate Deo***

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

<sup>2</sup> **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.**

<sup>3</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

<sup>4</sup> **For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. *Amen.***

**THE SECOND LESSON—EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

*Reader: A Reading from the epistle to the Ephesians.*

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.**

**In the garden of our Savior no flower grows unseen.  
His kindness reigns like water on ev'ry humble seed.  
No simple act of mercy escapes His watchful eye,  
for there is One who loves me: His hand is over mine.**

**In the kingdom of the heavens no suff'ring is unknown;  
each tear that falls is holy, each breaking heart a throne.  
There is a song of beauty on ev'ry weeping eye,  
for there is One who loves me: His heart, it breaks with mine.**

**Oh, the deeds forgotten, oh, the works unseen,  
ev'ry drink of water flowing graciously,  
ev'ry tender mercy, you're making glorious.  
This you have asked us: do little things with great love.**

**At the table of our Savior no mouth will go unfed;  
His children in the shadows stream in and raise their heads.  
Oh, give us ears to hear them, and give us eyes that see,  
for there is One who loves them: I am his hands and feet.**

**THE GOSPEL—MATTHEW 25:31-46**

*Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

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

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.”

*Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON – KYLER SCHUBKEGEL**

### **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.***

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /INTERCESSORY PRAYER (III)**

*Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;*

**People: That we all may be one.**

*Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;*

**People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;*

**People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;*

**People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;*

**People: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;*

**People: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader: For all who suffer from the coronavirus and all who minister to them, let us pray to the Lord.*

*People: Lord have mercy.*

*Leader: Where there is racial injustice, discrimination, or violence, make us instruments of your love.*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.*

**People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;*

**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.*

*(Prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings may be added.)*

*In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:*

*St. Paul's, Woodbury; St. John the Evangelist, Yalesville; Grace Church, Yantic  
The health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church; the  
Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal  
Church.*

*In the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:*

*the Church of Bermuda and  
The Rt Revd Nicholas Dill, Bishop of Bermuda*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Said in unison)*

**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 CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

*(Silence may be kept)*

*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**

*Leader: 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 us in eternal life. Amen.*

## **PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**All:** Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I would join myself with all those who in your Holy Church offer you the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and ever. Amen.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

*Officiant:* Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

*We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.*

*We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.*

*We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.*

*Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.*

*Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.*

## **BLESSING**

*Priest:* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**CLOSING SONG**

**ALL HAIL KING JESUS**

**There was a moment when the lights went out  
When death had claimed its victory  
The King of Love had given up his life  
The darkest day in history**

**There on a cross they made for sinners  
For every curse his blood atoned  
One final breath and it was finished  
But not the end we could have known**

**For the earth began to shake, and the veil was torn  
What sacrifice was made as the heavens roared**

**All hail King Jesus  
All hail the Lord of Heaven and earth  
All hail King Jesus  
All hail the Savior of the world**

**There was a moment when the sky lit up  
A flash of light breaking through  
When all was lost, he crossed eternity  
The King of life was on the move**

**For in a dark, cold tomb where our Lord was laid  
One miraculous breath, and we're forever changed**

**Let ev'ry knee come bow before the King of Kings  
Let ev'ry tongue confess that He is Lord  
Lift up your shout, let us join with all of Heaven  
Singing Holy, Holy  
Holy, Holy**

**DISMISSAL**

*Leader: Let us bless the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – PAUL SMITH**

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## *Tithes & Offerings*

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## **OUR PREACHER TODAY**

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## **RESOURCES FOR THIS LITURGY:**

Book of Common Prayer, Holy Eucharist Rite II, Prayer of Thanksgiving, pg. 836

The Lectionary Page: <http://lectionarypage.net>

Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer

The Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer

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*Closing Prayer: A General Thanksgiving, 2007 Version, BCP*

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