



ST. JOSEPH'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Mother Kassinda Ellis, Rector
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Sunday,
November 22, 2020

Morning Prayer | Rite II
Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King | Year A

PRELUDE



Thank You

I just

I JUST WANT TO
THANK YOU LORD

WORSHIP

WELCOME

The Rev. Kassinda R. T. Ellis

Voice of the People:
Marcel Kennedy



OPENING HYMN



THE INVITATORY



Celebrant

O Lord, open our lips.

People

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Celebrant

Your faithful servants bless you.

People

They make known the glory of your kingdom.

THE INVITATORY

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, ruler and judge of all, to you be praise and glory for ever. In the darkness of this age that is passing away may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy surround our steps as we journey on. May we reflect your glory this day and so be made ready to see your face in the heavenly city where night shall be no more. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

A SONG OF TRUST IN GOD

- 1 As the deer longs for the water brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; *
when shall I come before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my bread day and night, *
while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'
- 4 Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: *
how I went with the multitude
and led the procession to the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *

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A SONG OF TRUST IN GOD

among those who kept holy day.

⁶ Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

⁷ O put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give him thanks,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**



A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

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A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and
our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering
and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

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A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Thanksgivings from the congregation (read by the Designated Responder):
Joan Carrott prays: I thank you Lord for healing me from COVID-19 and for my son and daughter-in-law who have been seeing to my needs for these 8 months that I have been in isolation. God is so good and I love and praise Him for His mercy.

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A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Sandra Simpson prays: Thank you God for my Life, Job, and Grandchildren.

The Sinclair Family prays: Lord, we are thankful for your enduring and matchless love. Thankful for keeping our family and friends. Thankful for your boundless blessings and mercy!

Ruth Siegmann prays: My family and friends of St. Joseph's, I hope all is well and I wish a happy and healthy Thanksgiving to all.

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A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Barbara Llewellyn prays: 2020 has been a difficult year. I am grateful to health care workers, first responders, members of the military, and the essential workers who make many sacrifices to ensure our safety during COVID-19. Despite changes to my health, I am thankful for the enormous amount of love, support, calls, messages, and understanding I have received. I am truly blessed.

Merglen Soares prays: I am thankful for life, health, and strength. I am thankful to God for His love, blessings and tender mercies to me and my family.

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A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Yvonne Craffy prays: I am thankful for having the chance to say thank you to my Lord and Savior. I am thankful to God for loving me unconditionally. I am eternally grateful for the strength He gave me to handle all the challenges both physically and emotionally in my life. I am thankful for the ability to provide and take care of my family. I am thankful for having people in my life who understand me, lend their listening ears, and have my best interest in my life. I am very thankful for friends, prayers, and my children.

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A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Maureen Grey prays: Thankful I am for the graces God has given this year. Because of the Comforter, I am believing that Hope lifts. Savior, I am thanking you for being able to share. Grateful I am for unexpected problems, and unexpected gifts. I am thankful for friends and family-all who are dear and near. Most importantly, I thank the GREAT I AM whose Love never shifts.

Koreen Walcott prays: I am thankful for friends and family. For health and strength.

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A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Schandles McKeithen-Daniels prays: Thank you God for His goodness.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.



COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING

Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew: We yield thee hearty thanks and praise for the return of seed time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of its fruits, and for all other blessings of thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies, such as may appear in our lives by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost be all glory and honor, world without end. **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

People **Amen.**



PSALM 95:1-7A | LEONARD RICHARDS, JR.

- ¹ Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- ³ For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

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PSALM 95:1-7A | LEONARD RICHARDS, JR.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

⁶ Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

⁷ For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT | KRISTINA SLEDGE

A reading from Ezekiel, chapter 34, verses 11 to 16 and 20 to 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
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OLD TESTAMENT | KRISTINA SLEDGE

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

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OLD TESTAMENT | KRISTINA SLEDGE

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.**



CANTICLE | A SONG OF THE NEW CREATION

People I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

¹ 'I am the Lord, your Holy One, *
the Creator of Israel, your King.'

² Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, *
a path in the mighty waters,

³ 'Remember not the former things, *
nor consider the things of old.

⁴ 'Behold, I am doing a new thing; *
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

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CANTICLE | A SONG OF THE NEW CREATION

⁵ 'I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, *
to give drink to my chosen people,

⁶ 'The people whom I formed for myself, *
that they might declare my praise.'

People **I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in
the desert.**



THE EPISTLE | HYACINTH HUTCHINSON

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Ephesus, chapter 1, verses 15 to 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

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THE EPISTLE | HYACINTH HUTCHINSON

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.**

GOSPEL HYMN



Fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief.

THE GOSPEL

*A reading from the Gospel According to Matthew,
chapter 25, verses 31 to 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

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THE GOSPEL

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

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THE GOSPEL

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

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THE GOSPEL

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

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THE GOSPEL

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 Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**You will guide us with your counsel, O God, and
afterwards receive us with glory.**





SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | JACQUELINE HICKS

Serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with a song. Let us pray together, saying, "We give you thanks, O Lord; and call upon your Name."

Christ the King, you have been made head over all things for the Church: may we worthily live as your body in our world. Work your great power in and through us.

We give you thanks, O Lord;
And call upon your Name.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | JACQUELINE HICKS

Christ the King, you gather all the nations of the world to yourself: bless the world's suffering with your everlasting mercy. May the oppressed be fed your justice.

We give you thanks, O Lord;
And call upon your Name.

Christ the King, it is from your hand that all are fed: inspire righteousness in all people that the hungry may be fed and the thirsty given clean water to drink.

We give you thanks, O Lord;
And call upon your Name.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | JACQUELINE HICKS

Christ the King, you care for those in prison: give us hearts for all those who are incarcerated. Where there is crime and violence in our city, offer your peace.

We give you thanks, O Lord;
And call upon your Name.

Christ the King, you are good: we pray you seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak.

We give you thanks, O Lord;
And call upon your Name.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | JACQUELINE HICKS

Christ the King, your faithfulness endures from age to age:
may all your saints, at work and at rest, know the hope to
which you have called us and the riches of your glorious
inheritance.

We give you thanks, O Lord;
And call upon your Name.

**We will now pray for those who wished to add their petitions
and thanksgivings.**

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SPECIAL PRAYERS | JACQUELINE HICKS

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries including:

God's blessings on Dale and Omari on the birth of their son Ace Zachariah McKie. Noah is a big brother.

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SPECIAL PRAYERS | JACQUELINE HICKS

Celebrant may say:

O God, our times are in your hand, Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year (and another year together). Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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SPECIAL PRAYERS | JACQUELINE HICKS

We remember Jacqueline Simmons with love. We continue to pray that her soul continues to rest in peace and for her husband, son, grandchildren, and the Byfield Family who made a donation to the Legacy Fund in her memory for the anniversary of her death on November 13th.

We pray for Delores Brown & family who made a donation to the Legacy fund in loving memory of her mother Veronica Vazquez (Sunrise 1/27/1921-Sunset 11/20/2018). May she continue to rest in peace.

We pray for Norma Byfield who gave a donation in Thanksgiving to God for a successful surgery. *continued*

SPECIAL PRAYERS | JACQUELINE HICKS

We pray for Schandles McKeithen-Daniels who made a donation to the Legacy Fund in loving memory of her husband James V. Daniels and her daughter Kyomi Y. McKeithen. May their souls continue to rest in peace.

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SPECIAL PRAYERS | JACQUELINE HICKS

We pray for our St. Joseph's family including:

those of us who are ill or are in mourning;

those who care for sick, infirm, or elderly family and friends;

those who suffer, and do so in silence;

those of our family who are first responders and essential workers.

We give you thanks, O Lord;

And call upon your Name.

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SPECIAL PRAYERS | JACQUELINE HICKS

Please include the following people and families in your daily prayers.

Roxanne Adams & Family

Althea Archer

Tricia Archer & Family

Lionel Brown

Edris Bryan

Percival Chester

Edgar Francis

James Hunter

Loren Jay

Pamela Leitch

Natasha Lovejoy

Janet McPhoy

Lucille Nurse

Basil Samms

SPECIAL PRAYERS | JACQUELINE HICKS

Please include the following people and families in your daily prayers.

Vernon Van Rossum

Walker Family

Deacon Anita Williams

Jackson Family

Palmor Family

Edwards Family

Smith Family

Clayton Family

Williams Family

Ann Robinson & Family

SPECIAL PRAYERS

When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! That we may find serenity in Your presence, and purpose in doing Your will. **Amen.**

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 for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING COLLECT

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, as our Savior taught us, so we pray:

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**



THE PEACE

**For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the Love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Almighty God, help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in our community. For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

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THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING SENTENCES

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us bless the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

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CLOSING HYMN



Long my imprisoned spirit lay



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