The Feast of Christ the King

November 21 and 22, 2026

The Prelude

The Processional Hymn *Crown him with many crowns* *The Hymnal 1982,* **494**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *The Book of Common Prayer,* page 355

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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. **Amen.**

The Gloria *said at 5pm; sung at 9:30.* *The Hymnal 1982,* **S-280**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The 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.**

The First Lesson **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

In our opening reading the Lord promises to be the shepherd of the people. God will bring them home and heal them. God will feed and protect them. The exile of Israel is coming to an end. Ezekiel has prophesied against the false shepherds, the rulers who only fed off the flock. Now God will tend the sheep who have been dispersed and preyed upon, but the overfed will be judged.

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response, Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo*

This psalm is a call to praise and to offer thanksgiving to the Lord.
We will read the psalm responsively by half-verse.

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 Second Lesson **Ephesians 1:15-23**

In this lesson Paul gives thanks for the faith and love of the Ephesians and prays that they may see with their inward eyes the power of God, who has raised and enthroned Jesus far above all earthly and heavenly dominions. How vast is the treasure that God offers to those who trust in the Lord! The Lord Christ now reigns as head of the church, which is his body and which experiences the fullness of his love.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn *The church of Christ in every age* *Wonder, Love and Praise* **779**

1. The Church of Christ in every age
Beset by change but Spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead.

2. Across the world, across the street,
The victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat,
And never live until they die.

3. Then let the servant Church arise,
A caring Church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice,
And clothed in Christ's humanity.

4. For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,
Can cure the fever in our blood,
And teach us how to share our bread
And feed the starving multitude.

5. We have no mission but to serve
In full obedience to our Lord:
To care for all, without reserve,
And spread Christ's liberating Word.

The Gospel *Please stand, as able.* **Matthew 25:31-46**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon **The Rev. Barbara A. Peterson**

The Nicene Creed *Enriching Our Worship I*

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Leader Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation. Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission. Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. We remember our Bishop Julia, our rector Alan, and the churches of the Taunton River Deanery: **Trinity Church** (Bridgewater), **Church of Our Saviour** (Middleborough), **Order of St. Luke,** the **Deans of Deaneries,** and the **Deanery Co-Conveners.** Strengthen the bonds within St. John's, and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far. Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you. Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader God of creation, you have made a world with *plenty good room* for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy. Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need. I invite your intercessions. Surround each with your healing and your peace. Lord, in your mercy,
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace especially and Stephen Elkins and John McDonagh. Lord, in your mercy,
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and People

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 May 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

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

The Offertory Anthem *Lascia Ch'io Pianga* *F. Handel*

The Offertory Prayer, *at 5pm and 9:30am then, all standing in body or spirit.*

Celebrant Receive, O God, these fruits of the earth and of our hands: bring to completion in them the work of your creation, so that, transformed by the Holy Spirit, they may be for us the food and drink of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C *The Book of Common Prayer*, page **369**

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People ***And also with you***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People ***By your will they were created and have their being.***

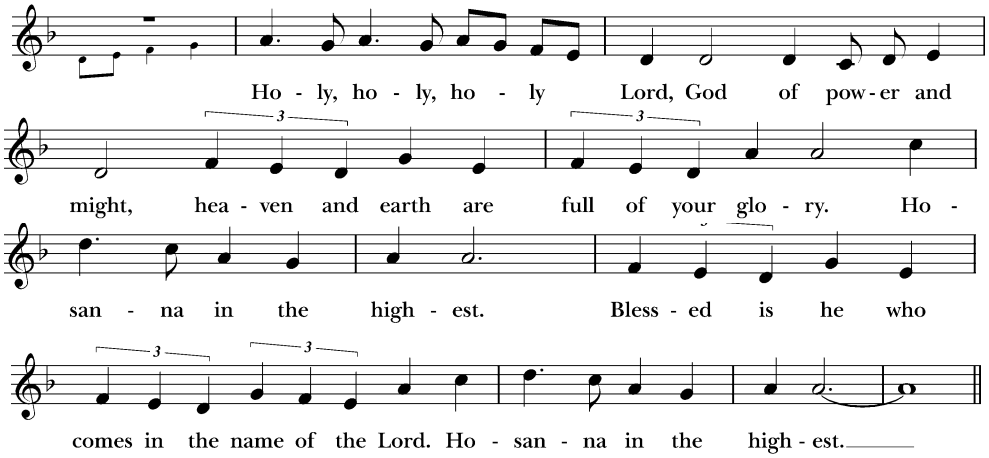
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People ***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, Mary, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
People ***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending

hymn:

The Sanctus *said at 5pm, sung at 9:30am.* *The Hymnal 1982,* **S-129**



And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring Before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Celebrant Remembering now Jesus' work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Celebrant Lord God of our Forebears: God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah and Rachel. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People ***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *The Book of Common Prayer*, page **364**

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

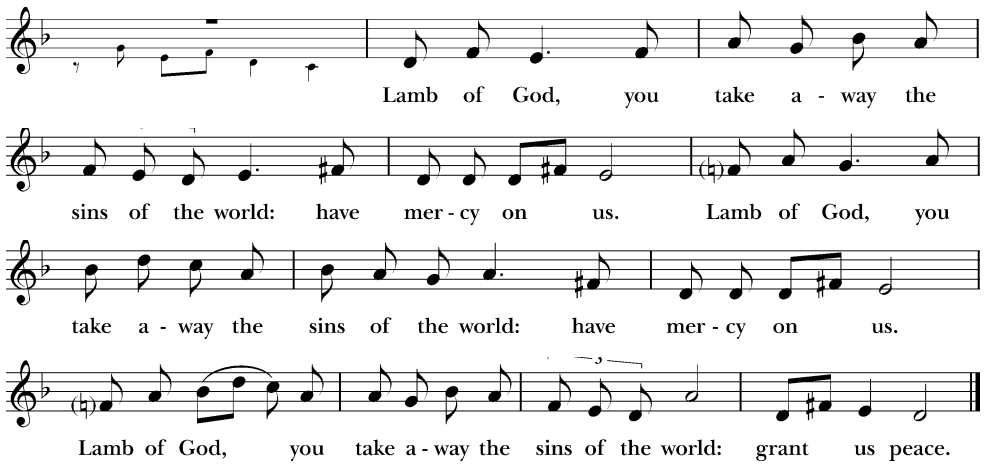
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction *said at 5pm*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Fraction Anthem *sung at 9:30am.* *The Hymnal 1982,* **S-163**



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's table.

If you would rather receive a blessing rather than receiving Holy Communion, simply cross your arms. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms when the minister comes to you following the bread and wait for the words "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."
If you cannot join us at the communion rail, please indicate to an usher you would like to receive, and we will bring communion to you.
Gluten-free wafers are available. Please dispose of your communion cup as you exit, near the first pews on the piano side or in the chapel.

The Communion **Hymn** *Let us break bread together* *The Hymnal 1982,* **325**

The Postcommunion Prayer

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

The Recessional *All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine* *The Hymnal 1982*, **477**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude *TheTorophy F. Couperin*

Liturgical Note: Introduction to the readings come from Frederick Borsch's "Introducing the Lessons of the Church Year, 3rd Edition" Morehouse 2009.

Announcements



Mark your calendars:
"Greening of the Church" – November 25
Stewardship In-Gathering – November 28 & 29
Christmas on the Run – November 14-December 12
Thanksgiving – November 26 (Office closed Friday Nov. 27)
Christmas Fair – December 4 and 5

"GREENING OF THE CHURCH": Join Fr. Al for the "Greening of the Church**"** on Wednesday, November 25th from 11am-1pm. We will put up the "Advent Decorations", tree, wreaths, creche, etc. Please see Fr. Alan for instructions or with questions. All hands are gratefully appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP: In-gathering weekend will be November 28 and 29. Please mail in or drop off your pledge card in the weekend plate or office on or before those dates. We know you work hard for your money and are grateful for your promise to support the ministry of St. John's. **Our Mission:** St. John's is a community called by Christ to grow spiritually and make known God's love through word and deed in our congregation and in the broader world.

CHRISTMAS ON THE RUN: You are invited to the home of Deb and Herb Roberts on Saturdays and Sundays, between November 14th and December 12th for this year's "Christmas on the Run" Open House, a benefit for the American Legion, and St. John's Church. The address is 14 Yearling Run Road, Bourne. Hours are 12pm-5pm. Suggested donation is $10.

CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE BASKETS: Check the display in the Narthex for needed raffle basket items. Or you might like to suggest items for a themed basket. In either case, for questions call Mary Ames, 508-367-3658. The Christmas Fair is 4 weeks away! Deadline for donations is November 29th.

CHRISTMAS FAIR BAKE SALE: Bakers needed! Melissa Abbott reminds you that baked goods can be frozen ahead of time for the Fair. Let's get a head start on stocking up for the bake sale. Donations can be delivered to the office during business hours.

GENTLY USED CHRISTMAS: Now is the time to bring in your gently used Christmas items for the Christmas Fair. It's only a month away! Leave them in the Narthex (clearly marked) or deliver them to the office during business hours. The Christmas Fair committee thanks you.

CARING FOR CREATION COMMITTEE: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86013659293. Join us on Fridays at 10am via Zoom. Ask Steve Tom or Fr. Al for details.

FOOD DRIVE: Please consider making a donation to the Massachusetts Military Foundation's food drive. The donation box is located in the Narthex. If you have questions about this program, please see Ashton Bradford.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS CREW: We are blessed to have 2 steadfast volunteers who maintain our buildings and grounds. This ministry could use a few additional volunteers to help share the weekly cleaning and maintenance of our facilities. No experience is necessary and we appreciate whatever time you can offer. Please prayerfully consider how you might offer your time and talents to this ministry. Contact Fr. Al, Alan Carlson, or call the office during business hours.

COFFEE MUGS: St. John's Coffee mugs are now available for purchase at $9.50. See the office if you are interested.

November 21-28, 2026



Saturday, November 21
9:30am AA, Parish Hall
5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, November 22
9:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist with Sunday School
10:15am Coffee Hour, Parish Hall
Outreach Committee meeting follows the service

Monday, November 23
10am Funeral Service for John McDonagh
4:30-5:30pm, Lasit Theater Group, Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 24
12noon AA, Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 25
11am-1pm "Greening of the Church"

Thursday, November 26
6pm AA, Undercroft

Friday, November 27
10am Caring for Creation Zoom link https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86013659293

Saturday, November 28
9:30am AA, Parish Hall
5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist Saturday
In-Gathering for Stewardship

ST. JOHN'S
Episcopal Church

Serving This Weekend
Celebrants: The Reverend Barbara A. Peterson
Director of Music: Misao Koyama
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ames and Jared Cohen
Lectors: Nancy Silva, Phyllis Helfrich, and Celia Bailey-Ochoa
Acolyte: Will Hibbard, Jr.
Altar Guild: Jann Czarnetzki, Phyllis Helfrich, Bev Messersmith, Anne Miller, and Teddy Hibbard
Ushers: Alan Carlson, Mary Howe and Rusty Page
Hospitality: Volunteers needed for serving coffee after worship. Sign up in Parish Hall