Welcome to Grace Church Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King



November 24, 2024

PRELUDE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

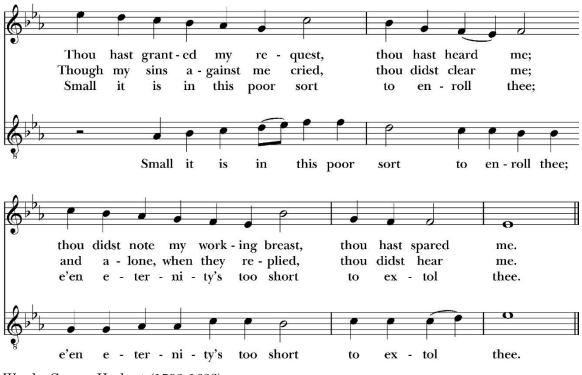
Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; setting, Charles Callahan (1952-2023)

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Stephen L. White

The Word of God





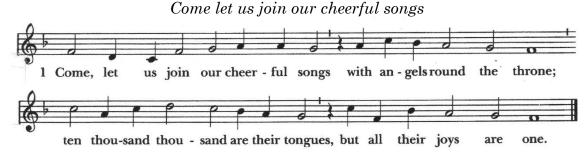
Words: George Herbert (1593-1633) Music: *General Seminary*, David Charles Walker (1938-2018)

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

Priest Let us pray together

PeopleAlmighty 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.

SONG OF PRAISE: H 374



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. Of A Song of the Lamb Music: Nun danket all und bringet Ehr, melody att. Johann Cruger (1598-1662), alt.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Priest	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 FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched. thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,

and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God.

PSALM 93

1 The LORD is King;

he has put on splendid apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

- 2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.PeopleThanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: H 487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life



Words: George Herbert (1593-1633) Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Priest	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Stephen L. White

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

Spirit of God, move among us, and give us confidence and trust as we pray for the Church and the world.

We pray for the Church throughout the world:

For all ministers of God's love and mercy and for our bishop and our clergy: Doug, Steve, Janet, and Ted.

Father, enliven the Church for its mission. That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people. Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

Creator of all, lead us and all people into ways of justice and peace. That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it. **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We pray especially for these people in our community:

The Revs. Francie Hills and Marc Britt; Anne Andrews; Rick and Sue Gore; Mary Booton; Maya Gurung; George Raymond; Dindy Anderson; Caroline Murray; Linda White and her grandchildren, Claire, Mark, and Johnny; David Hamill; Doone Marshall; Meredith Haider; Mark Anderson; Rosemarie Blakely. God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion. Strengthen us as we share in your work of restoration.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. **Father, into your hands we commend them.**

Give comfort to those who mourn. Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory. May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray in thanksgiving for the gift of this day, for the unexpected kindnesses we have shared, and for the assurance of grace.

Please add other prayers, silently or aloud.

Silence

Priest Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your

strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE PEACE

PriestThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

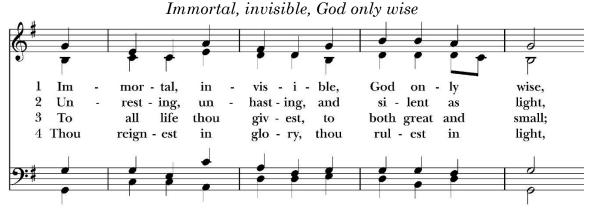
A GRATITUDE MOMENT

Take a few moments to think of one thing during the past week for which you thank God. If you wish to share your gratitude moment with the congregation, please come to the microphone.

The Holy Communion

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN: H 423





Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1924-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

PriestAll things come from you, O Lord.PeopleAnd of your own have we given you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer

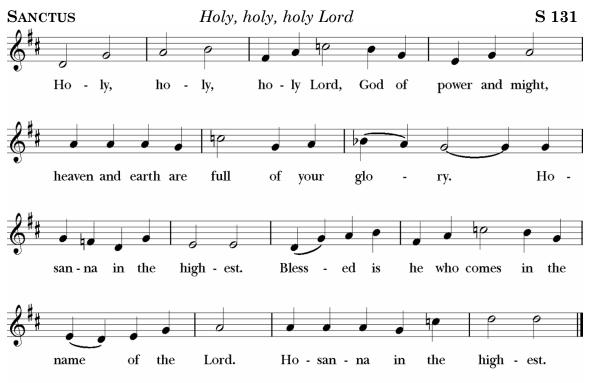
Priest	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Priest	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up to the Lord.
Priest	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who in the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:





Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

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.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

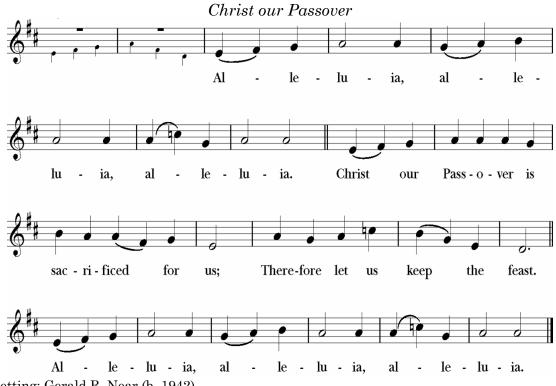
As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,

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



THE FRACTION ANTHEM



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Priest 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.

S 155

All Are Welcome at God's Table

Gluten-free bread is available. Please let the priest know if you would prefer this. If you would rather receive a blessing instead of communion, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest. And lastly, if you need communion brought to you, just let the usher know. All are welcome at God's feast.

The Grace Healing Team is in the back of the room during Communion to offer the laying on of hands and a prayer for healing to anyone who desires it for themselves or another.

If you cannot physically receive the communion bread because you are participating in this service virtually, you are invited to pray this Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds, and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: H 458

My song is love unknown

The Hymn is on the next page.



wherein he lay.

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Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt. Music; *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879-1962)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Let us pray.

Most generous and loving God, we thank you for the gift of children. With each child, you refresh your promises to all of us. Through each child, you remind us to take care of all you have created.

We pray your blessing on each child today. Teach them to love courage and to trust you. Help them see you at work in your world.

Help them speak words of love, peace, and friendship. Turn their faces in kindness toward their neighbors, and fill each one with confidence in your steadfast love. This we ask in the name of your child, Jesus the Christ. AMEN.

BLESSING

May Christ give to you and to all those whom you love, his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the Blessing of God, father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN: H 435

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<u>3</u> bore it up tri	um - phant,	with its hu - man	light,
4 Name him, Chris - tians,	name him,	with love strong as	death,
*5 In your hearts en -	throne him;	there let him sub -	due
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<u>3</u> through all ranks of	crea - tures,	to the cen - tral	height,
4 name with awe and	won - der	and with bat - ed	breath;
5 all that is not	ho - ly,	all that is not	true;
6 with his Fa - ther's	glo - ry	o'er the earth to	reign;
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1 'tis the Fa - ther's	plea - sure	we should call him	Lord
2 faith - ful - ly he	bore it	spot - less to the	last,
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4 he is God the	Sa - vior,	he is Christ the	Lord,
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<u>3</u> filled it with the	glo - ry of	that per - fect	rest.
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5 let his will en -	fold you in		power.
6 and our hearts con -	2008 (Constant) (Constant)	9	now.
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Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877) Music: *King's Weston*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

DISMISSAL

PriestGo in Peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDERide On, King JesusNegro spiritual; arr. James Koerts

The Congregation is requested to stack the chairs as they are able during the Postlude. If you wish to listen (or dance!) to the Postlude, draw near the keyboard.

> Flowers are given today by Steve and Andrea White In Honor of Aidan White's 24th Birthday



GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Prayers This Week

Members of the Parish Family: Ian and Mary Booton; The Revs. Francie Hills and Marc Britt; Anne Andrews; Rick and Sue Gore; Maya Gurung; George Raymond; Dindy Anderson; Caroline Murray; Linda White and her grandchildren, Claire, Mark, and Johnny; David Hamill; Doone Marshall; Meredith Haider; Mark Anderson; Rosemarie Blakely.

Others we Love: Jeanne Murray, Tom Murray's sister; Genevieve Rainy, Monique Kirchoff's daughter; Susie, Mike, and Emily Silver; Jainee's beloved friend, Antonia Poulos and her family, especially her children Maria, Billy, and Peter; Fran Hunt, Anne Andrew's sister; Michal Snyder, Dessida's sister; Tommy Laroque; Sue, Tom, and Michael, as they grieve the death of their beloved mother, Vonnie; Sarah Sieber's cousins, Caleb and Rachael Davis who are grieving the loss of their beloved baby Oliver; Elizabeth Brannan; Elvis and the Isaguirre family; Rick and Sue Gore's nephew, Jordan, the Andre family, and Nick; Anne Kistrup and Pam Reed, Lynn Walker's friends; Susan Bunce, Mary Booton's sister; Doone Marshall's granddaughter Bex; George Lave; Molle Cheek, John and Lee Cheek's sister-in-law; Kevin White, Steve White's brother; Robert Rywkin, Monique Kirchoff's brother; Dick and Fleming Rutledge: George and Tracey Brooks: Gordon Sparks, Debbie Holmes' brother: Richard Cherneff: Cynthia Griesing, Holly Murray's mother; Bishop Michael Curry; Jerry and Karen Ericson, John Ericson's parents; Deborah McCurdy.

Those who have died: Barbara Turner; Michael Silver; Barbara Gore; Caren Bunce, Mary Booton's cousin; Oliver Davis, Sarah Sieber's cousin; Cyndi Isaacs, June's niece; Vonnie Frye; Tommy Laroque; Jainee McCarroll's friends, Bruce Baum and Doug MacKenzie; Mimi Alford's brother, Jimmy; Jayden (JJ) Andre; Lois Young; Stacey Thomas; Father Joseph Sestito, Alex Moore's uncle; Denise Chandler, Abe Streeter's partner; Shirley Sparks, Debbie Holmes' sister-in-law; Thomas Muraco, beloved friend of John and Lee Cheek; Niall Nordoff; Rev. Emily Richards; Rosalind Haywood, Sue Gore's mother, and Abe Streeter's sister; Sandra Fowler, grandmother to Megan Piro; Susan Cabot, Stepmother to Edward Cabot; Claude Sansaricq.

Our world: For the people of Lebanon, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, the Sudan, and all other places of violence and war, that peace and justice may prevail, and human fear and suffering diminish. For all victims of hatred in this country; for all victims of gun violence and also for those who inflict gun violence on others. For all who are alone, afraid, or despairing. For prisoners, unhoused people, newly arrived immigrants, and all our neighbors, near and far.

The many ministries of our local community, especially for our partners at St. Paul's and the Rev. Samuel Vaught and the Rev. Jane Tillman; Christ Trinity and the Rev. Erik Karas; our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher; and the Mampong Babies' Home.

> Cover Image: *Christ in Judgment*, 13th by di Marcovaldo Coppo Part of the late 13th-century mosaic ceiling of the dome of the Baptistry of San Giovanni, Florence, Italy. Vanderbilt University Collection: Art in the Christian Tradition

Grace Church worships and gardens on the traditional land of the Mohican people.

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	CALENDAR	
Sundays	Worship Service	10:00 am
	In-person at	
	Berkshire South Community Center	
	and on Zoom	
Wednesdays	Contemplative Eucharist	10:00 am
	In-person at Grace Church Chapel	
	and on Zoom	
Thursdays	Centering Prayer	5:00 pm
	In-person at Grace Church Chapel	
	and on Zoom	

WORSHIP LEADERS

ROTA	Today 11/24	Next Sunday 12/01
	Christ the King Sunday	Advent 1
WELCOME TEAM	Mary Booton	Sue Gore
	Dale Peterson	Rick Gore
ACOLYTE	Louise Peterson	Cathy Haywood
LECTOR	Lynn Walker	Matt Marcos
INTERCESSOR	Kathy Clausen	Holly Murray
CHALICE BEARERS	Louise Peterson	Cathy Haywood
	Rick Gore	Jacob Greer
HEALING TEAM	Ted Cobden	Ted Cobden
	Sue Gore	Pennie Curry
ALTAR GUILD	Louise Peterson	Cathy Haywood
	Alex Moore	Mackenzie Kendall
COFFEE HOUR	Gore / Kirchoff	Jordahl / Murray
COUNTERS	Matt Marcos	Matt Marcos
	Kathy Clausen	Kathy Clausen
TRANSPORT	Harmony Twing	Andrea White
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Dindy Anderson	Andrea White
	Andrea White	Joel Jorgensen
	Lynn Carlson	Kayla Robbins

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WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH



an Episcopal Community in the Southern Berkshires

Step into Grace where strangers become friends. We are an open and affirming church. Every one of every age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or economic status is invited to join us as together we live out the Gospel message of love, forgiveness, service, and justice. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey — you are welcome here.