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The Last Sunday After Pentecost
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The Last Judgment (1536-1541)

Michelangelo (1475-1564), Cappella Sixtina, Vatican City

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our community of faith. We are so glad to have you worship with us this morning! It's our most fervent prayer that the Holy Spirit has connected you to the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. We invite you to be a part of any of our ministry and if we can serve you in any way don't hesitate to contact us, 970-476-0618.

Blessings,

Father Brooks, Mother Emily, Deacon Steve, Denise, Margie, Mary, Rebecca, Katie and Kimberly
(ECOT Staff)

Please introduce yourself to us, especially if we can serve you anytime in the coming year.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Would you please:

- Place me on your mailing list.
 - Place me on your email list.
 - Pray for _____
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Could you tell me more about:

- Services such as baptisms and weddings
- Mission and Outreach opportunities
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Adult Teachings
- Resources for personal challenges or help in a difficult time

Please complete and tear this form off and place in the offertory plate.

Opening Hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throughto crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Children's Message

Welcome & Announcements

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Come Into His Presence

Come into His presence singing Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory to God singing Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord together singing Jesus is Lord,

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.

Praise to His name singing Glory to God,

Glory to God, Glory to God.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

Reader A Reading from Ezekiel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 100

- 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.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader A Reading from Ephesians.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

All stand.

Crown him with many crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25: 31-46

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

All stand.

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.*

Peace

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

Offertory Hymn

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Holy Communion

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.***

The Celebrant proceeds

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . .

. . . we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: . . .

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, . . .

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 forever. AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has 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 forever. Amen.***

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All baptized persons are welcome and encouraged to receive both the bread and the wine of the Eucharist. People who are not baptized or who prefer not to receive communion are invited to come forward and cross their arms to receive a blessing. Those desiring a gluten-free wafer may request one from the priest when they come forward to receive communion.

Lord, be Glorified

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*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.*

Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Note on Today's Readings

Proper 29: The Reign of Christ or Christ the King—Year A

Welcome to our parish. Today is the final Sunday of the Church year, on which we celebrate the Kingship of Christ. Since last Advent, we have been reading the Gospel according to Matthew most Sundays. In this final reading from the Gospel of Matthew, we have Jesus' description of the final judgment. Those who will be welcomed into his Kingdom are those who show their love to Christ by caring for the outcast and helpless.

The prophet Ezekiel, centuries before Christ, foresaw the coming of the Shepherd-King, sent by God to his people. This kingship would be one of caring love and of peace to the entire human race.

In the second reading, an extended passage describes Christ as the final fulfillment of God's plan for the universe. We who are the beneficiaries of that plan for our lives are gathered up into Christ who is our head and who gives his own being to all that exists.

Our gatherings for worship are meant to be points of departure for us to move into the world in active works of ministry to the hungry, the helpless, the imprisoned, the lonely, the sick, and the dying. The reign of Christ must begin with members of his body the Church making him known in the world, especially to the least of his sisters and brothers.

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