

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church  
The Last Sunday After Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, November 21, 2021  
9:00am

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## The Word of God

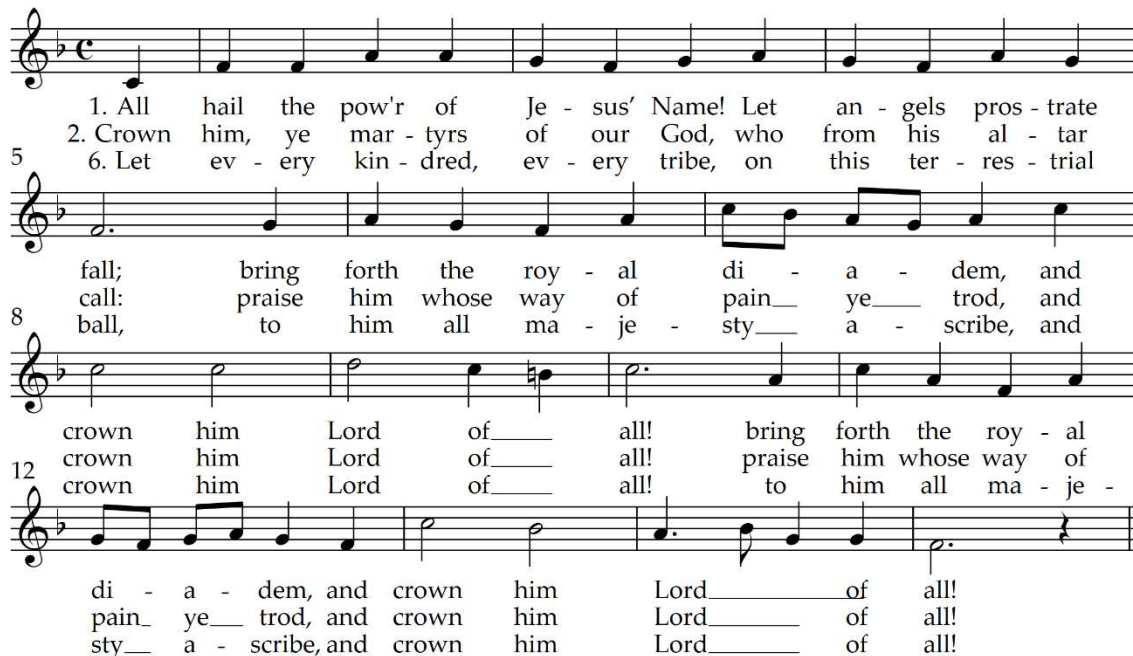
*All stand.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant* Christ our true and only Light: receive our morning prayers, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. Amen.

## Hymn of Praise 450

*Sung by all*



## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

***People***        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*        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 *All are seated.*

### A reading from the Book of 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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

***People***        **Thanks be to God.**

- 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.**

**A Reading from the Revelation of John**

**1:4b-8**

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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
***People***            **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

**Alleluia**            *Sung by all*



## The Gospel

John 18:33-37

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**People** Glory 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.”

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

## The Sermon

The Rev'd Gus Chrysson

## The Nicene Creed

*All stand and say together*

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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

Let us pray for the Church of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all, we pray for people of every race and in every kind of need: Make your ways known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church throughout the world, especially the The Church of Bangladesh, our companion dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica, UNC-Chapel Hill Campus Ministry, Wake Forest / Salem / Winston-Salem State / UNC School of the Arts Episcopal Campus Ministry, and for Samuel and Anne our bishops: Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that all people may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For our new rector, Fr. Rob Travis, and his family, Leah, Jack, Simon and Evan, that our new chapter of ministry may bind us together in love and invite others into a Christ-centered life,

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your nurturing goodness all who are anxious or distressed in mind, body, or spirit, especially Anne Davis, Thea Oglesby; Neal Campbell, Ann Wyche, Nina Burris Baker, Ginger, Jeannette, Maureen Desrochers; comfort and relieve them in their need; give them patience in their sufferings, and bring good out of their troubles

*A period of silence is observed.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We entrust to your gracious keeping all who have died in the faith of Christ, and we give you praise for all your faithful ones with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Confession**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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* 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 you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand.*

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

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

*All are seated and the altar is prepared.*

## The Offertory

1. Lo! he comes with clouds des - cen - ding, once for our sal -  
 2. Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
 3. Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
 7 4. Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -  
 va - tion slain; thou - sand, thou - sand saints at - ten - ding  
 ma - je - sty; those who set at nought and sold him,  
 13 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the pow'r and glo - ry;  
 swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, dee - ply wail - ing, dee - ply  
 to his ransomed wor - shi - pers; with what rap - ture, with what  
 20 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the  
 wail - ing, dee - ply wail - ing, shall the  
 24 rap - ture, with what rap - ture, gaze we  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt  
 Lord re - turns to reign.  
 true Mes - si - ah see.  
 on those glo - rious scars!  
 reign, and thou a lone.

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## The Great Thanksgiving

### *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*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 our thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

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

*The Celebrant prays the appointed Proper Preface.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

5 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

9 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. —

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est

*The people kneel as able.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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:

*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, 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.**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**All** 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**

*Said by all*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace**


*The Celebrant says*

Holy things for Holy People.

## **An Act of Spiritual Communion** (for those watching from home)

Lord Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to at least come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my being. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

## **Hymn 458**



1. My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to bes - tow, but  
3. Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prai - ses sing, re -  
6 7. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine; ne -  
to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But  
soun - ding all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
10 ver was love, dear King, ne - ver was grief like thine. This  
who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
"Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

*After Communion, all stand and the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people and then they are dismissed, responding*

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

**Altar flowers:** The flowers on the Altar are given by Gayle Kearns to the glory of God and in loving memory of Amo Ragan Kearns, Jr. and Jo-Ann Lassiter Kearns.

## Participants in the Liturgy

### *Preacher*

The Rev'd Gus Chrysson

### *Celebrant*

The Rev'd Rob Travis

### *Lector*

David Jones

### *Server*

Kathy Conrad

### *Musicians*

Rob Brock, Evie Cottam,  
Robin Hardman, Revon Johnson, David Moore

### *Video & audio engineering*

Robin Hardman

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