

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

"Friends in Low Places"

The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

PRAYER SONG

You are the mighty king (*duet*)

Eddie Espinosa, 1982

OUR PRAYERS

Let us pray together. During the silence after each petition, please add your prayers out loud. Respond to: "Holy God, Giver of all good things" with: **"Thank you for hearing our prayer."**

Most Holy God, you have blessed us with abundance. We thank you for our homes, family, friends, fun, work, rest, and ministries. Give us grateful and generous hearts, to give as we have received.

We thank you today for ... and for all other blessings we name now, aloud or in silence:

Holy God, Giver of all good things: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

Creator God, you made the world and all that is in it, and you made us in your image, the image of love. Forgive us when we put our own interests ahead of others; when we seek vengeance on enemies rather than peace and justice. As we have received peace, help us to work for the security of all:

We pray for ... and all places and people we name now:

Holy God, Giver of all good things: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, you give spiritual gifts to your church.

Bless your church around the world, that all might feel the breath of Your Spirit be reconciled.

Give your churches grateful and generous hearts, to give as we have received. We pray especially for... that all churches may have the grace and courage to serve the world in your name.

Holy God, Giver of all good things: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

Father of Lights, you created this earth with its beauty and richness. Forgive us for misusing its resources. As You have made us stewards of creation, give us hearts that honor all life, to give as we have received. We pray for all who work to restore health to this earth and its living treasures. Holy God, Giver of all good things: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are our Healer. Thank you for the healing we have experienced. Give to us the faith to offer healing in Your name, to give as we have received. We pray especially for ... and for all other needs we name now.... Holy God, Giver of all good things: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

God of All, you are our beginning and our end. Thank you for the life we live now, and the life we will enjoy with You for all time. We pray for all who have died, that they may know life in Your presence now and forever. We pray especially for... and for all others we name now.... Holy God, Giver of all good things: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes the prayer.

THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

Jesus shall reign, vv 1-2 (*Words on last page*)

Hymnal 544

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THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people are invited to participate praying the words in bold type.

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 God 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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Land of Rest

Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lo - rd God of po - wer and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - sann - 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 to remember 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN!**

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

**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 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.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE COMMUNION

Consecrated bread will be brought to all present in person; those worshipping at home are invited to partake of consecrated bread and wine at home tables.

PRAYER OF THANKS

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

CLOSING HYMN Hail to the Lord's anointed, vv 1, 5 (*Words on last page*) Hymnal 616

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

COMMUNITY NEWS

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ
People **Thanks be to God!**

THE PRAYERS

We Pray For: Those in need of healing – Melanie Coe, Alicia Cordelle, Steve Blamer, John MacCoy, Marion Denniston, Barry Kercher, Joan Shoemaker, Beverly Stone, Barb Palko's mother, Gary Murray, Susan White, Bonnie Rafer, Randy Bevan and Family, Garner Burroughs, Andie Corby, Betty and Peanut Bowling, Susie and Ed Marshall, Mary Ann Cooke, Linda Mattingly, Bart Richwine, Peggy Schaumburg.

Birthdays: Ed Harne, Alice Bryant, Susan Estep, Marie Webber

Anniversaries: Bill and Mary Ann Cooke, Bryan & ChrisAnn Simek

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF THIS MOMENT - Brainstorming Meeting Monday, Nov 23 @ 7p

We are living in difficult times, and the persistence and resurgence of the Covid-19 virus is deepening the needs around us. Many are hungry, out of work, homeless or at risk thereof, lonely and discouraged. We aren't called to respond to every need, but with our skills and resources we can make a significant impact in several areas. So far these have come up:

Food ministries - we are very good at feeding people. How might we support and expand the offerings of our Food Pantries or provide meals?

Clothing and coats - There is an immediate need for warm jackets and coats for middle-schoolers - Neal Bankenstein reports that his office has run out. Please donate or buy coats and leave them outside the parish office on the lower level at Christ Church in La Plata. Small sizes particularly needed.

At-risk Youth - there is a need for online tutors for youth of all ages. There will be a separate meeting this Sunday after church to discuss this - just stay on or join in; the meeting will be in a breakout room.

We are generous and gifted congregations - let's discern together where Jesus invites us to find and feed him.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE!



Helen Carpenter has designed a beautiful Christmas card for us to sell to benefit our Giving Funds. We are planning to order these in bulk and need to know quantities. Please fill out the order form in the ENews for each church, or call the parish office; indicate how many you would like and if

you'd like this deep blue background, or prefer white. The cost is \$25 for 10 cards and envelopes - you are invited to give beyond the cost! Please order by November 30th.



PLEDGES FOR 2021 WELCOME! Our Stewardship theme this year is "God's Salad" - celebrating the distinctiveness we each bring to Christ Church, the diversity God delights in, and the wonderful flavor that results when we bring ourselves together, investing in God's mission through our church. Salads generally begin with greens! What percentage of your income can you pledge to enrich God's salad at Christ Church?

CARD MINISTRY: In today's digital, social media world, the simple act of writing and sending a greeting card or note has become an act of care and kindness. Receiving a special card or note makes people feel special and loved. We are beginning a Card Ministry at the Christ Churches – these cards can express sympathy, share in celebrations, or connect with shut-in and absent members. It is a beautiful ministry that anyone can do from home. If you are interested in being a part of this outreach, please email Alicia Cordelle at <mailto:aliciacordelle@live.com>, or call her at (301) 542-9686, or Deacon Joan at joancrittenden68@gmail.com; (301) 643-0613.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT WAYSIDE: DECEMBER 6, 9 am As Covid rates surge again, we are being cautious about in-person worship, but will continue to offer a service at Wayside the first Sunday of each month - masked, distanced, no singing or socializing. Please click [here](#) to register for December 6th.

ANOTHER FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER - Our nation is in need of healing and prayer, so we will continue our intentional prayer effort for another forty days. Please click on the link in today's Zoom chat or the e-news to take the next forty days of prayer pledge - or to say you'd like to come off the list from the current prayer initiative.

ONLINE GIVING - You can text a donation - text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts. You can give to Open Plate or toward your pledge. A 2.6% fee is charged for credit or debit cards - you'll have the option to include that in your gift or not. Standard text message rates do apply. You can also give online - go to www.christchurchlaplata.org and scroll down to the "Donate" link.

GIVING FUND – Please consider making a dedicated donation to the Giving Fund, from which Rev. Kate can offer help. Our policy is to help once, as we are able, and deal with repeat requests on a case-by-case basis. You can write a check or give online at the donate page on our website, www.christchurchlaplata.org, or text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts, designating Giving Fund. You now have the option to make pledge offerings or donations online, or by text.

HYMNS

Crown him with many crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Jesus shall reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

Hail to the Lord's anointed

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;
From age to age more glorious, all blessings and all blest:
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.