



*Christ the King Sunday*

*Grace Episcopal Church  
Holy Eucharist  
with  
Holy Baptism*

*November 21, 2021*

*The Right Rev. Frank Logue,  
11th Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia*

*The Rev. Kit Brinson, Rector  
Mike Taylor, Organist and Choirmaster*

## The Procession

*Come, ye thankful people, come* H 290

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

Celebrant: There is one body and one Spirit.

**People: There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People: One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day (*standing*)

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 First Lesson

Reader: A reading from Second Samuel (23:1-7)

These are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual (*said in unison*)

Psalm 132:1-13

**LORD, remember David, \* and all the hardships he endured;  
How he swore an oath to the LORD \* and vowed a vow to the  
Mighty One of Jacob:**

**"I will not come under the roof of my house," \* nor climb up into  
my bed;**

**I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \* nor let my eyelids slumber;  
Until I find a place for the LORD, \* a dwelling for the Mighty One  
of Jacob."**

**"The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; \* we found it in the fields  
of Jearim.**

**Let us go to God's dwelling place; \* let us fall upon our knees be-  
fore his footstool."**

**Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, \* you and the ark of your  
strength.**

**Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \* let your faithful  
people sing with joy.**

**For your servant David's sake, \* do not turn away the face of your  
Anointed.**

**The LORD has sworn an oath to David; \* in truth, he will not break  
it:**

**"A son, the fruit of your body \* will I set upon your throne.**

**If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach  
them, \* their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."**

## **The Second Lesson**

Reader: A reading from the Book of Revelation (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.**

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The Holy Gospel

Celebrant: 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." (18:33-37)

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

**The Sermon** *(seated)* *(silence follows the sermon)*

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

The Candidates (Roman Cameron, Ariela Santana, and Arturo Santana) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

I present \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant asks parents and sponsors*

Will you be responsible for seeing that these children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and sponsors:*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant continues*

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and sponsors:*  
I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant then asks the following questions of the candidate and the sponsors:*

*Question:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Question:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Question:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Question:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer:* I do.

*Question:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer:* I do.

*Question:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer:* I do.

*Celebrant now addresses the congregation of Grace Episcopal Church with the following question*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?      People: **We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

**Prayers For the Candidates** *(the people kneel or stand)*

Reader: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The candidates and family process to the baptismal font. The children of the church are invited to come to the font as well.*

### **Thanksgiving over the water**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The candidates are brought to the font, water is poured on their heads three times as Celebrant says:*

Roman Cameron, Arturo Santana, Ariela Santana, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Celebrant then makes the sign of the cross on their foreheads using chrism blessed by Bishop Logue. As she makes the sign of the cross, she says*

\_\_\_\_\_, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

### **The Peace**

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

People: **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

#### **The Offertory**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer D**

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.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and filled them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

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*(the people kneel or stand)*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end;

at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember the newly baptized, Roman, Arturo and Ariela.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us  
Therefore let us, Alleluia, let us keep the feast  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**The Communion of God's People**

**The Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: 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.**

**The Blessing**

**The Procession**    *Jesus is our King* (On insert)

**The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. .

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Those Serving**

**LEM:** Jim Brown, Brandy Holland **Lector:** Larry Purdom  
**Intercessor:** Rob Stewart **Ushers:** James Israel **Altar Guild:**  
Audrey Jernigan, Rhonda Blount

**November 28th - LEM:** Ken Taft, Rick Charlett **Lector:** Chris Jeffords  
**Intercessor:** Lauri Santana **Altar Guild:** TBA **Usher:** Rob Stewart

**November Vestry Team** – Debra Strickland, James Israel, Brandy Holland

*Please join us for a reception after the service to honor our newly baptized.*