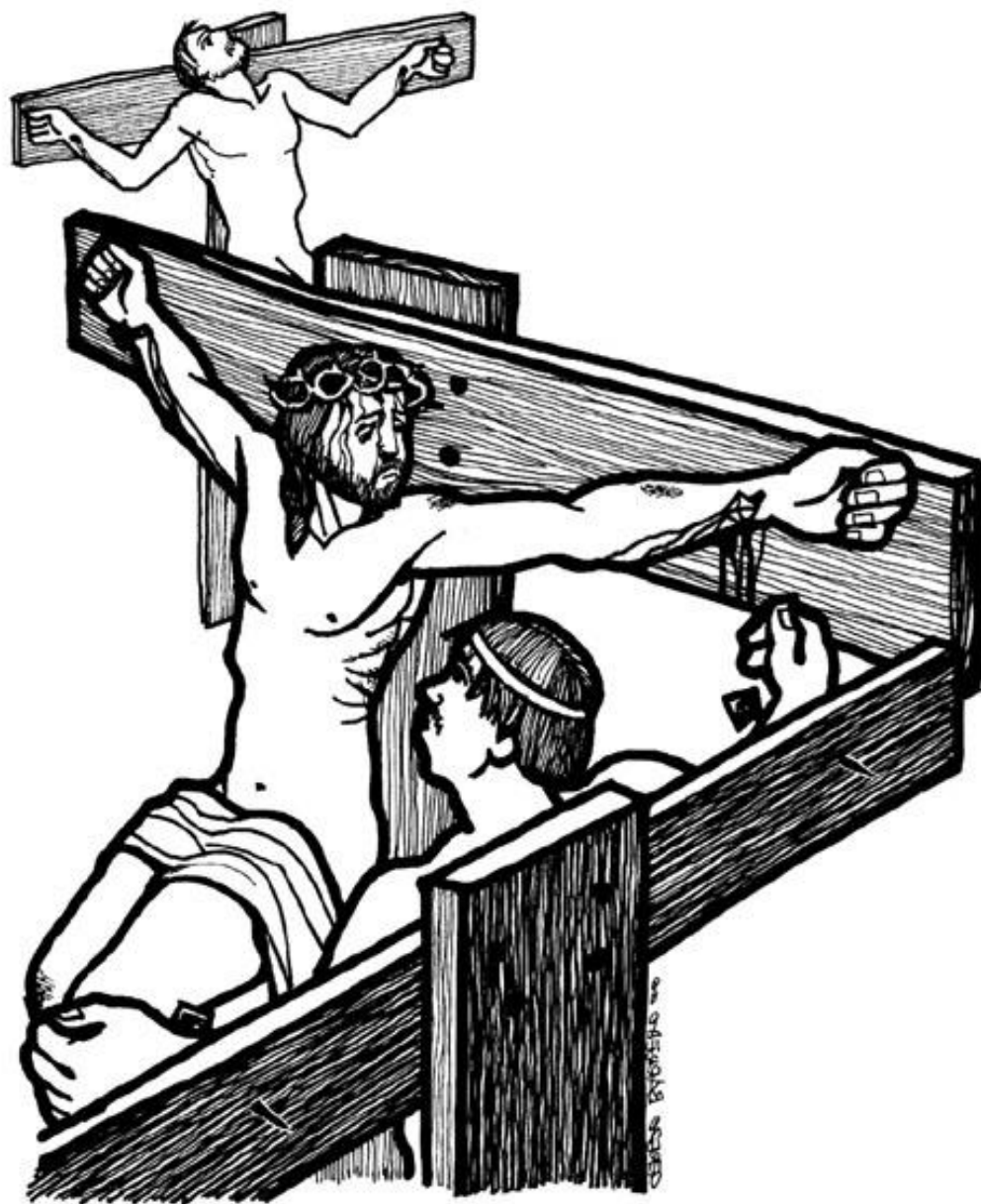


Christ the King Sunday  
November 23, 2025



## **Opening Hymn # 410**

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**And Blessed be God's Kingdom, both now and forever. Amen**

**The Collect for Purity (said in unison)**

**– Almighty 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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect**

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.*

Old Testament Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 46**

#### ***Deus noster refugium***

**1 God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.**

**2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

**3 Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.**

**4 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

**5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

**6 God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.**

**7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.**

**8 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

**9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.**

**10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.**

**11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth."**

**12 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

## **The Epistle**

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## **The Gospel**

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Christ**

## **The Sermon**

### **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.**

**Prayers of the People** Prayer of intercession for Thanksgiving Day or Harvest celebrations, from **Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England.**

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all God's people in their daily life and work and let us say Lord of all life, hear our prayer

-For the Church, especially for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury-Designate; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, Geralyn,, and William our Bishops, all the people and parishes of the Diocese of Long Island, and for Charles our Priest.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks this week for Grace Church, Massapequa, and St. Francis, North Belmore ,

Lord of all life:

**hear our prayer.**

-God, the beginning and end of all things,in your providence and care you watch unceasingly over all creation; we offer our prayers that in us and in all your people your will may be done,according to your wise and loving purpose in Christ our Lord.Lord of all life:  
**hear our prayer.**

-We pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life;  
for farmers and agricultural workers,  
for packers, distributors and company boards;  
as you have so ordered our life that we depend upon each other,  
enable us by your grace to seek the well-being of others before our own.  
Lord of all creation:  
**hear our prayer**

We pray for all engaged in research to safeguard crops against disease,  
and to produce abundant life among those who hunger  
and whose lives are at risk.  
Prosper the work of their hands  
and the searching of their minds,  
that their labour may be for the welfare of all.  
Lord of all wisdom:  
**hear our prayer.**

-We pray for governments and aid agencies,  
and those areas of the world where there is disaster, drought  
and starvation.  
By the grace of your Spirit,  
touch our hearts  
and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty,  
and make us wise stewards of your gifts.  
Lord of all justice:  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are ill,  
remembering those in hospital and nursing homes  
and all who are known to us  
We pray for all who care for them.  
Give skill and understanding  
to all who work for their well-being.  
Lord of all compassion:  
**hear our prayer.**

We remember those who have died,  
whom we entrust to your eternal love  
in the hope of resurrection to new life.  
Lord of all peace:  
**hear our prayer.**

We offer ourselves to your service,  
asking that by the Spirit at work in us  
others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace.  
Lord of all faithfulness:  
**hear our prayer.**

For the needs and hopes of all those on our parish's prayer list, and those we now name  
silently or aloud...*pause*... And so we pray  
**hear our prayer.**

Priest: God of grace,  
as you are ever at work in your creation,  
so fulfil your wise and loving purpose in us  
and in all for whom we pray,  
that with them and in all that you have made,  
your glory may be revealed  
and the whole earth give praise to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you ...  
The Peace of the Lord be with you always **And also with you**

## **Offertory and Blessing of Pledges**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**                      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give him thanks and praise**

For you anointed your Only Begotten Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness  
as eternal Priest and King of all creation,  
so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross  
as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace,  
he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption,  
and, making all created things subject to his rule,  
he might present to the immensity of your majesty  
an eternal and universal kingdom,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so, with all the Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Power of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim:

*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 people stand or kneel.*

*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**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,  
All: **Our Father...**

*Priest:* Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

### **Meditation after Communion**

### **Prayer after Communion**

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**

### **The Blessing**

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

### **Closing Hymn #494**

## **Pray for the Healing & Support:**

**We pray for Joanne Calabro, Joe Canning, John Stadenraus, Walter Brigham, Betianne Morritt, Mark Capellino's Parents, Lois Corbett, Barbara Brigham for continued recovery , for Bob Fisher, Sharon Gibbs, Barbara Allen Lieblein Kathryn James, Peter Gulluscio, Bob and Virginia Springsteen, Valerie Capon, Louie Cicero, Linda Armbruster, Sr.Tina Ferrio, Andrew Kuhn, Sr. Joy Wright**

**We pray for, Ukraine, the Sudan, Syria and the Middle East for peace and for safety. For all those suffering from extreme weather in our country and around the world. We pray especially for the floods in the Southwest and throughout our country.**

**For those grieving loved ones, especially those interred in our cemetery, for those who are ill, for all those who serve the sick, the needy and those in prison, for those who are anxious or fearful. For all those in the midst of war or natural disasters.**

**For all our parishioners living with cancer, known or undetected & for all those who participate in a 12 step group here at St. Mary, and those who have visited our Prayer Wall.**

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