

Our mission is to proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ, and to build a spiritual community forming Christians of all ages through worship, education, and outreach.

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

KENTON JOHNSTON SUNDAY

Holy Eucharist Rite II - 9:30 a.m. November 24, 2024

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God. Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you; After the service speak to one another.

The Rector's Welcome

While many of our friends and family up north begin to feel the chill in the air and see the beautiful leaves change color, here in Florida, we celebrate a different kind of change in November. We get to see the license plates on the road change from mainly Florida tags to a vibrant diversity of tags everywhere! This is always an exciting time of year; the oppressive heat of the summer has broken. When it gets cool enough, many of us gather around a small fire in our yards. This change in season always makes me thankful.

It is appropriate for me to feel thankful since we celebrate Thanksgiving this month. There is so much to be thankful for here at Saint John's. I am thankful for the many donors who make our ongoing restoration project possible and for the countless volunteers who make our life together so rich and impactful.

As we come to the beginning of the end of the calendar year and get ready for the season of Advent and, eventually, the great feast of Christmas, I encourage all of us to take some time before worship today and reflect on how thankful each of us is for the St. John's community. Take some time right now to close your eyes and thank God for your place here at St. John's, and listen for guidance from God to see if He is calling you to do something to make His Kingdom known here at St. John's.

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire. *Hebrews* 12:28

Faithfully,

Fr. Chr. Word+

The Rev. Christian M. Wood *Rector* cwood@stjohnstampa.org

Processional Hymn 481



PROPER ACCLAMATION

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

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.**

1 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice; brothers and sisters, with one voice let the world know He is your choice. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O magnify the Lord, and raise anthems of joy and holy praise for Christ's brave saints of ancient days. Alleluia! Alleluia! 3 They with a faith for ever new followed the King, and round him drew thousands of servants brave and true. Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 So shall God's will on earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks begun, and the whole church at last be one. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your wellbeloved 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 People sit

THE LESSON

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Lector A reading from the Book of Daniel.

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.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

GRADUAL: PSALM 93

Sung by the choir

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel :

the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

2 He hath made the round world so sure : that it cannot be moved.

3 Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared : thou art from everlasting.

4 The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice : the floods lift up their waves.

5 The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly :

but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

6 Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure : holiness becometh thine house for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 1:4b-8

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

Pre-K and Elementary School-aged children now follow the cross to Children's Chapel

SEQUENCE HYMN 544



THE GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Deacon 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."

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

THE SERMON

The people sit

THE NICENE CREED (standing)

Celebrant and people We believe in one (

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form IV)

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Father Wood

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for our Parish Community; for our shared life of prayer, for our many ministries and their volunteers, and those who have made financial contributions to support them. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially _____ give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those recently departed this life _____; [and for _____ in whose memory the Altar Flowers are given today;] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds this concluding collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon	Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All	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.

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

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

People

The people sit

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem O King enthroned on high

Sung by the choir

O King enthroned on high, Descend, O Heav'nly dove, Thou comforter divine, abide with us alway; blest spirit of all truth, be nigh and make us Thine. pray. Amen.

Thou art the source of life, *Thou art our treasurestore;* give us thy peace, and end our strife, for evermore.

All stand

Doxology Hymn 380, stanza 3

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 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 him thanks and praise.
Celebrant	

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

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:

and in the fullness of Thy love cleanse us, we

Old 100th

Charles Callahan

Sanctus and Benedictus S-128

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 remain standing as they are able

Celebrant

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.

Celebrant

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,

Celebrant and people

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung

Fraction Anthem S-155

Gerald Near

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

or with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

Communion Motet Christ the Lord is risen

Arr. Geoffrey Shaw

Sung by the choir

1. Christ the Lord is risen! Now is the hour of darkness past; Christ hath assumed His reigning power. Behold the great accuser cast Down from the skies, to rise no more: Alleluia, alleluia.

2. Christ the Lord is risen! 'Twas by Thy blood, immortal Lamb, Thine armies trod the tempter down; 'Twas by Thy word and powerful name They gained the battle and renown: Alleluia, alleluia.

All stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

3. Christ the Lord is risen! Rejoice, ye heavens! let ev'ry star Shine with new glories round the sky! Saints, while ye sing the heav'nly war, Raise your Redeemer's name on high! Alleluia, alleluia.

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

The Celebrant gives the Blessing

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon gives the Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn 494

The people stand as they are able

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 Son of God before the worlds began, and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast, and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er 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. Diademata

Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign, who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above; Crown him the King, to whom is given the wondrous name of Love. Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall, crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

My kingship is not of this world. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice.

John 18: 36a; 37b



José Luis Castrillo, Christus Rex Universum (Christ, King of the Universe), oil on canvas, 2021.



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