



SAINT JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

Christ the King Sunday – Proper 29

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Founded 1702 - Celebrating 323 Years of Worship

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Mission of Saint John's:

To be a welcoming community committed to seeking, serving, and growing in Christ.

Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating and life-giving God.

St. John's welcomes all to our diverse, inclusive and affirming community.

Welcome to Saint John's, Concord (Glen Mills) – Welcome to all who are visiting today. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us and that you are blessed by God. Please fill out one of the visitors' cards in the pew or use the QR code so that we can help you get to know St. John's.



Holy Eucharist Rite I

Opening Acclamation *Please stand in body or spirit*

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

***People:* And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: 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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reader: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Responsive Reading

Luke 1:67-79

Canticle 16

John's father Zechariah was filled with the
Holy Spirit and prophesied:
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them
free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of
old, that he would save us from our
enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father
Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our
enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of
the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare
his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon
us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and
the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of
peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will
be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

Colossians 1:11-20

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel

(Please stand in body or spirit)

Luke 23:33-43

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Deacon: 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

All kneel as you are able

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Peace

Birthday/Anniversary Prayer (*Prayer #51, BCP p. 830*)

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up when *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Offertory

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The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer I

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: ***It is meet and right so to do.***

Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Communion

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All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at God's Table wherever you are on your journey to know God more fully. We have two Chalices: for dipping your wafer, please remain at the altar rail; to sip wine, please visit the Chalice at the organ. We have gluten-free wafers for those that need them; please let the Priest know.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Blessing

Dismissal

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