St. Paul’s, Brunswick
9am Holy Eucharist
November 22, 2026
Christ the King



Welcome

Territory Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we stand on territory thatwas taken from the Abenakipeople of the Wabanaki Confederacy, the people of the Dawnland. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all companions in life. May we learn from our past sins and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today’s world. We ask for inspiration that we might be compelled to take action and support our native neighbors as they continue to seek their sovereignty here in Maine.

Opening Song: Jesus in the Morning

Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime;
Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus when the sun goes down!

Love him, love him,
Love him in the morning, love him in the noontime;
Love him, love him,
Love him when the sun goes down!

Serve him, serve him,
Serve him in the morning, serve him in the noontime;
Serve him, serve him,
Serve him when the sun goes down!



Thank him, thank him,
Thank him in the morning, thank him in the noontime;
Thank him, thank him,
Thank him when the sun goes down!

Praise him, praise him,
Praise him in the morning, praise him in the noontime;
Praise him, praise him,
Praise him when the sun goes down!

Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime;
Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus when the sun goes down!

Celebrant: God is here!

Response: God is here!

Celebrant: Let us bless God!

Response: Let us bless God!

Celebrant: Glory to you, God, for ever!

Response: Glory to you, God, for ever!

Celebrant: God be with you.

Response: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Collect *assigned for the day, adapted*

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.*



First Reading, Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Reader *(Lector)*:Areadingfromtheprophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.



Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.



Reader *(Lector)*:The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Song: **Be Thou My Vision** v. 1,3 *from the 1982 Hymnal #88*

1.Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

3.Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High One of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art



Gospel Reading, Matthew 25:31-46 NRSV adapted

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

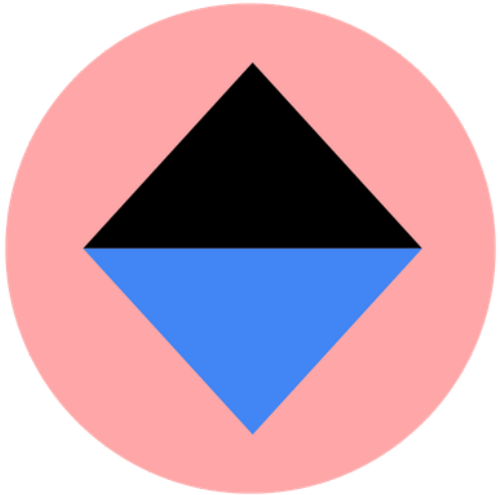
Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right 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 Creator, 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.”



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

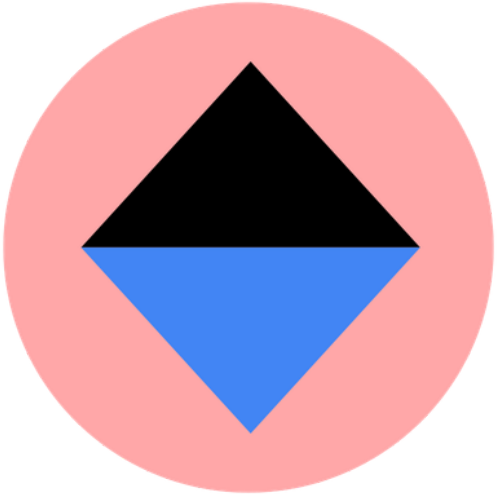
HOMILY



Sharing Time









Affirmation

FromDailyPrayersforAllSeasons



We are not alone; we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.



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Prayers Let us pray for the life of the world…

For the things we are thankful for…

For our loved ones …

For those who teach us...

For those who lead us...

For the sick and for those who do not have enough...

For ourselves…

We gather our prayers and lift them up to God who knows and loves us.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution
Isthereanythingyoudidthatyouare sorry for? Silently think about it in your mind.

Celebrant: LordGod,weare sorry for the times we have been unkind, Lord have mercy.
ALL: Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: LordGod,weare sorry for the times we have forgotten you, Christ have mercy.
ALL: Christ have mercy.

Celebrant: LordGod,weask you to forgive us, Lord have mercy.
ALL: Lord have mercy.

Prayer For Forgiveness
Celebrant: HolyGod,havemercy upon you, forgive you all your sins, and bring you to eternal life.
ALL: Amen.

Peace

Leader:ThePeaceofChristbealways with you!

People: And also with you!



Offertory Anthem

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The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And alsowith you.

Lift up your hearts.

We liftthem up tothe Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***Itis rightto give God thanks andpraise*.**

Celebrant: God,inyour goodness youare the Creator of all. You have brought into being the beauty of creation and our own humanity where we see your divine diversity and presence in every living thing. We give thanks for all of creation and know that you have always loved us and desired what is good for us. And so, you sent Jesus your Son to be one of us. He died to redeem us and all Creation. Jesus rose from the dead to give us new life and make the world new. That's why we shout out our praise! We shout with the throngs of angels, archangels and with all the heavenly host. We shout our praise together:

Holy, Holy, Holy LORD,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



We bring you bread and wine as our offering. Bless them with your Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus.

On the night of his last supper with his friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it apart, shared it with his friends, and said, "Take, eat. This bread is my Body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they finished supper, he took the cup of wine. Jesus gave thanks to God and said to his friends, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood which is poured out for you. It is poured out for all to save you from your sins. Drink this to remember me.”
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Gather us up by this bread and wine and make us the Body of Christ in faithful community. Make us new people in Christ’s Spirit. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your w
be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive u
our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time
trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory a
yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Fraction *(break bread)*

Beknown to us Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We are the communion of Christ's Body.

We share one bread together.

Invitation Holy Food for Holy People.

Administration of Sacrament The body of Christ, the bread of life!

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Communion Hymn:



7. EAT THIS BREAD

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

May be sung as an ostinato by omitting verses.

p *f*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev - er be hun - gry.
Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

p *f*

mf

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.
Je - sus Christ, Ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

mf

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Post Communion Prayer

LovingGod, we are grateful for the love that we share in this community and in Your Holy Food. Send us into the world to listen to our neighbors with hearts of love, and to share the Good News of Jesus. Amen.

Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So, be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of God, who made us, who saves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Song: Go Now In Peace (sung in round)

Go now in peace
Go now in peace
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, Everywhere
You may go!



Dismissal

Leader: Letus go forthin the love and peace of Jesus to ser ve our neighbors!

People: Thanks be to God!