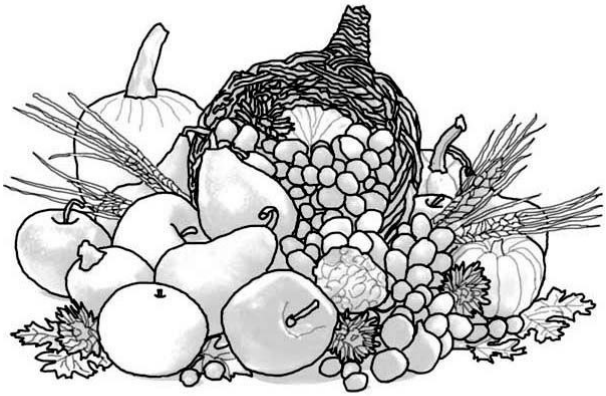
The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King



Church of England Mass for the Harvest Festival

November 22, 2026

10:00 a.m.

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

Crestview, Florida

Hymns used in today's service come from the 1982 Hymnal.

Mass for the Harvest Festival

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 290 Come ye thankful people come

The Gathering

Celebrant In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Invitation to Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor and repent of the ways in which we have squandered the resources God has so freely given us.

People:

Almighty God, our heavenly father, we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the glory of thy name. Amen**.**

The Celebrant says:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Gloria — A Song of Praise

Sung:

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 of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

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 Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

Psalm 100

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

Hymn 424 For the fruit of all creation
Sung to the tune Ar hyd y nos

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. David M. Clothier

Thanksgiving

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant then says:

Let us give thanks to our Lord God, the God of all peoples of the earth.

For the colour and forms of thy creation and our place within it, For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill bring thy good gifts to us, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

People: Your mercy endures for ever.

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts; for insight and imagination, for the skills of research which bring healing and fulfillment to the lives of many; we bring our thanks, good Lord:

People: Your mercy endures for ever.

For the light and shades of the changing seasons, and their variety and dependability; for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay; we bring our thanks, good Lord:

People: Your mercy endures for ever.

For new hope and strength in our communities, especially in thy Church and amongst all that thou callest to serve thee, we bring our thanks, good Lord;

People: Your mercy endures for ever.

For all in whose lives we see goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility, and all the fruit of thy Spirit, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

People: Your mercy endures for ever.

For the life we have been given, and for all those whom thou hast given us to share with, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

People: Your mercy endures for ever.

INTERCESSION

The Celebrant then says:

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all people in their daily life and work.

The Intercessor says:

God, the beginning and end of all things, in thy providence and care thou watcheth unceasingly over all creation; we offer thee our prayers that in us and in all thy people thy will may be done, according to thy wise and loving purpose in Christ our Lord. Lord of all life:

People: 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 thou hast so ordered our life that we depend upon each other, enable us by thy grace to seek the well-being of others before our own. Lord of all creation:

People: 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 thy people. Lord of all wisdom:

People: 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 thy Spirit, touch our hearts and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty, and make us wise stewards of thy gifts. Lord of all justice:

People: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill, remembering those in hospital and nursing homes and all who are known to us, especially Amy, Anthony. Barbara, Becky, Betty, Brenda, Buni, Charlotte, Cindy, Debbie, Dennis, Donna, Eddie, Florie, Herselie, Jeff, Jim, Kerrie, Linda, Lynn, Michele, Nikole, Phil, Phyllis, Randy, Richard, Rocky, Sharon, Stuart, Susan, Ward, Warren, and those serving in the Armed Forces. We pray for all who care for them. Give skill and understanding to all who work for their well-being. Lord of all compassion:

People: Hear our prayer.

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

People: Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

People: Accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The people stand.

Celebrant: The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Welcome and Announcements

The Bringing Forward of Symbols of the Harvest

Let us bring forward symbols of the harvest, gifts that God has created and his sun and rain have nurtured.

People: Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of the cornfields, the oats and the wheat, the rye and the barley.

People: Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of roots, the rutabagas, potatoes, turnips and sugar beets.

People: Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of seeds for next year's crops, for clover, for hay and for corn.

People: Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of vegetables, peas, potatoes, beans and hops.

People: Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of pears and apples, berries and herbs.

People: Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of flowers, the finest blooms from our gardens and our fields.

People: Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the grain and the grape, for our Saviour took bread and wine to feed us with his body and his blood, given and shed for the life of the world. Let us feed on him by faith with thanksgiving.

People: Thanks be to God.

The ingathering of food is brought to the altar

Preparation of the Table

The Offertory Hymn

Hymn 397 Now thank we all our God

The Doxology

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God, through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. And now we give thanks unto thee for thou has made us stewards of thy creation, to praise thee day by day for the marvels of thine wisdom and power. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy Glorious name, evermore praising thee and singing:

Sanctus S-125

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand as they are able. Then the Celebrant continues

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through thy Son Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of his kingdom and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of thy divine majesty, renew us by thy Holy Spirit, inspire us with thy love, and unite us in the body of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, n the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour hath taught us,

The Lord's Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns **433** We gather together
383 Fairest Lord Jesus

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of thy Spirit to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.

The Blessing

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. *Amen.*
God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as laborers into his harvest. *Amen.*
God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. *Amen.*
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, Be amongst you and remain with you, always. *Amen.*

Processional Hymn 291 We plow the fields and scatter

The Dismissal

The Celebrant says:
Tend the earth, care for God's good creation and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Please remember in your prayers:

Amy & Anthony Lehatto, Barbara Procino, Becky Simmons, Betty Schwartzkopf, Brenda Faulkner, Buni O'Brien, Charlotte Boutwell, Debbie Evans, Debbie & Jim Larson, Dennis Jackson, Donna Andrews, Eddie Stevens, Cindy Miller, Florie Angelini, Herselie Hendrix, Jeff Evans, Kerrie Schwartzkopf, Linda Williams, Lynn Smith, Michele Dennis, Nikole Webb, Phil Phillips, Phyllis Alles, Randy Umbach, Richard Mazerat, Rocky Robinson, Sharon Lundy, Susan Cole, Stuart Bugg, Ward Hendrix, and Warren Seifert

Announcements

- Stewardship campaign
- Thanksgiving dinner
- Annual meeting
- No Bible study on Friday 10 am.
- Engraved bricks for labyrinth
- Hymn practice only on Sunday this week (9:30 a.m.)
- Quilting Guild (first and third Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m.)

Serving today

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. David M. Clothier

Lay Eucharist Minister: David Bryant

First Reader: Flo Procino

Second Reader: Charlotte Boutwell

The Harvest Service is a Eucharist accompanied by the tradition of offering the first fruits of the harvest. This celebration dates back to 1843 in southwestern England and was first recognized by the Church of England in 1862.

Your presence is a blessing to the Church of the Epiphany! We hope you will experience the grace and love of God here with us, whether you have been a part of our church for years, or are walking through our doors for the first time.

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Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany is to offer a home for all those who are seeking God's unconditional love.