



CHRIST THE KING

Sunday November 24, 2024 (10 am)

The Rt. Reverend Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio

The Reverend Tom Furrer, Interim Rector

James W. Shiell, Director of Music

Paul W. Keriotis, Director of Spiritual Formation

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God – Paul Manz

AT THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

The People stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day

Processional Hymn No. 494 Crown him with many crowns – *Diademata*

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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.**

Song of Praise

O God beyond all praising

Thaxted

O — God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day and sing the love a -
ma - zing that songs can-not re - pay; for we can on-ly won-der at — ev - 'ry gift you
send, at — bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-
fore you and wait up-on your word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray together.

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.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,

is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 93 [*sung by the choir*]

Dominus regnavit

- 1 The LORD is King;
 he has put on splendid apparel; *
 the LORD has put on his apparel
 and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure *
 that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
 you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
 the waters have lifted up their voice; *
 the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
 mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
 mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
 and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
 for ever and for evermore.

The Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn No. 435 At the name of Jesus – *King's Weston*

The Gospel: John 18:33-37

Gospeller 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."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Tom Furrer

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able and together say

**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 became truly human.

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

Please stand or kneel

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the need of our neighbors.

A brief silence

God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to people and place mired in conflict, especially Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Sudan, and the famine in East Africa. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and facing illness. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction or otherwise or in harm's way. Be with all who are in need, especially... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of hope, equip our congregation to boldly follow you. Show us how best to love and care for one another and this community. Bless us with mutual trust and respect, courage, and foresight as you lead us to follow you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor (especially...). Nurture us in faith until the day we join in their heavenly song. Merciful God

receive our prayer.

Prayer for our Rector Search (*in unison*)

O God, giver of all good gifts, look graciously upon Christ Episcopal Church as we seek our next rector to shepherd our parish family. Send your Holy Spirit to guide the Search Committee and Vestry that they may discern your will. Give them wisdom, patience, and open hearts as they consider candidates. Lead us to a faithful pastor who will preach your Word with truth, care for your people with love, and equip us for the work of ministry. Grant that Christ Church may receive a rector who will serve Us and lead us closer to You through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 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.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory Anthem: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation – Dale Wood

Offertory Response: Praise God from whom all blessings flow – *Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Celebrant: All things come from thee, O Lord
People: **and of thine own have we given thee.**

Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow - er, God of
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Blest is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
highest, Ho - san - na in the high - - - est.

The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

*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.*

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-154

Alleluia! Christ our Passover

setting: David Hurd

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Distribution

All baptized Christians are welcome and invited to come to the altar rail for communion. Or, if you would like communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher. The bread may be consumed and a sip taken from the common cup, or the bread may be held and dipped or intincted in the common cup or if you would simply like a blessing, please cross your arms on your chest and the priest will make the sign of the Cross on your forehead.

Music at the Distribution

Grateful – John Bucchino

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn No. 397 Now thank we all our God – *Nun danket alle Gott*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God – Sigfried Karg-Elert

Assisting with our Worship at 10 am:

The Parish Choir, Laurie Jones, Piano
Nick Karantaris - Soloist
Cindy Thirion-Lector Karen Andrus-- Lector/Chalice
Faith Scarmuzzi – Prayers of the People and Chalice
Kathy Hughes & Jean Schlecht – Greeters Sandy Schlecht – Name Tags
Don Senne & Steve Watts – Ushers
Pat Sullivan & Al Novak - Bakers
Nancy Forester & Deb Clary - Altar Guild
Deb Murphy & Don Scarmuzzi – AV/Video

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH! We are happy to have you worship with us today! If you are a visitor or would like to know more about the life, work, and ministry of Christ Church, please fill out a “Connect Card” in the pew rack. You can drop the completed card in the offering plate or give it to a member of our staff, an usher, or a Vestry member following the service. We are glad you are here!

LINCOLN SCHOOLS: The wintery weather has started. This morning the community liaisons advised Linda they had given out their last winter coat. The school needs size 6 through small adult jackets. Currently the pantry is bare. If your child or grandchild has outgrown a jacket and it's gently worn, we would love to have it. If you are out and about and see a sale on coats, please do what you can. Thank you in advance for all the help in winterizing the students of Lincoln.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to the anonymous person who left an envelope on the counter in the office. The envelope said Lincoln Schools and there was \$50.00 in the envelope. This money is being used to buy 5 cases of Kraft Mac n Cheese. This feeds 60 kids. You know who you are, and we want to thank you so much! The kids love their mac n cheese cups.

ADULT HAT AND GLOVE DRIVE: In December, The Gladd's, and The Henrey's are going to serve in the soup kitchen at St. John's in Youngstown. The last couple of years they have given out stocking hats and gloves along with the meal. They would like to do it again this year. Between now and November 29th, please purchase a hat &/or gloves. Bring them to the church and give them to the office. Tiffany will make sure that Joe gets them. Walmart, Tractor Supply, Family Farm, Dollar General, Ollies etc...all have reasonable prices. Joe says God Bless and thank you.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

If you have thoughts to share with our Rector Search Committee, please write an email and send to: ChristChurchSearch44483@gmail.com. They would love to hear from you.

CHRIST CHURCH BAKERS Attention all Bakers of Christ Church, we need a large amount of holiday cookies for the Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 15th. We expect this year's Festival to be the biggest yet! Put on your thinking/baking caps!

This is a parish wide community event, and we need a lot of helpers. This is your contribution to the church and we are so thankful to those of you who can help. This is what we need in addition to the cookies:

- 1) Friday, Dec 13, people to set up and decorate in the parish hall. This will be at 9:30 AM.
- 2) People to Tray cookies after both 8 am and 10 am services on the 15th.
- 3) During the reception we need people to man punch bowls and replenish cookies as needed
- 4) Cleanup after the reception.

If you are able to help, please call the office, call Tiffany 330-883-2856, or call Sandee Skovran 330-719-1557 and let us know.. Thank you for all you do!!!

A BARBERSHOP CHRISTMAS

AKRON DERBYTOWN CHORUS

Sunday, December 1 at 3 pm



The Derbytown Chorus will present their annual Christmas show of favorites in Barbershop style. A fun afternoon—not to be missed.

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Sunday, December 15 at 6 pm



Please join the Parish Choirs of Christ Church and St John's Church (Youngstown) for what has become one of Warren's treasured Christmas traditions. This service is patterned after the famous "Lessons and Carols from King's", King's College, Cambridge, England, which is heard across the world on Christmas morning. The story of Christ's birth is told through old and new testament readings interwoven with the most beautiful carols and choral music of the season.

ADDITIONAL CONCERT: The Ashtabula Brass Band will have a Christmas Concert at our church Saturday, December 7th at 6:00 PM, in the Main Sanctuary. Please come and listen to some great music.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: It's that time. We will be decorating the church December 6th, at 5:30 PM. We will hang the greens and have a little something to eat. Come join us. We always have a great time, but you will have to watch out for Tiffany's snowballs. She will have them and is not afraid to throw them.

THE WEEKLY WORKINGS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Monday Nov. 25	Boy Scouts 6 PM Office Open 9 AM – 2 PM	Parish Hall
Tuesday Nov. 26	AA Meeting 6 PM Office Open 9 AM – 2 PM	Parish Hall
Wednesday Nov. 27	10:00 AM “Growing Deeper” Bible Study, Prayer, & Fellowship 12 PM Deadline to submit Bulletin Announcements Office Open 9 AM – 2 PM	Chapel Office
Thursday Nov. 28	Handbell Choir Practice 6 PM Choir Practice 7 PM Cub Scouts 6 PM Office Open 9 AM – 2 PM	Handbell Room Choir Room Parish Hall
Friday Nov. 29	Office Closed	
Saturday Nov. 30	Office Closed	
Sunday Dec, 1	8 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist Strings of Joy 1:00 PM A Barbershop Christmas 3:00 PM	Chapel Main Sanctuary Main Sanctuary