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EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Joint Thanksgiving Service
With Royster Presbyterian Church
and
Talbot Park Baptist Church

Christ the King, Year C
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am
November 23, 2025

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional Hymn

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Blue Hymnal 616

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Hymn of Praise

“Praise God, Immortal Praise”

Blue Hymnal 288

Collect and Lessons

Book of Common Prayer p. 357

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 First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-6

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."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be
moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the
depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of
God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are
shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The Epistle

Colossians 1:11-20

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

“Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus”

Blue Hymnal 495

The Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon	<i>The Rev. Brian Harroff</i>
Nicene Creed	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 358</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 387</i>
Confession of Sin & Absolution	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 360</i>
The Peace	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 360</i>

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence	
Offertory Anthem	<i>Led by Sharon Foxwell</i>
“Look at the World” by John L. Rutter	<i>Blue Hymnal 288</i>
Eucharistic Prayer A	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 372</i>
Sanctus	<i>Blue Hymnal S-125</i>
The Lord’s Prayer	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 364</i>
Breaking of the Bread	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 364</i>
Communion Hymn	
“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”	<i>Blue Hymnal 341</i>
Post Eucharistic Prayer	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 365</i>
Recessional Hymn	
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”	<i>Blue Hymnal 494</i>
Dismissal	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 366</i>

In Our Prayers

Alexander Beamon, Joe Beck, Gloria Carter, Billy Clark, Linda Day, Elaine Evans, Diane Forrest, Kate Hien, Kris Huddle, Katie Hughes, Rick Jones, Donna Killmon, Bryan Knight, Shana Paul, Sydney Rudolph, Diane Shepheard, Doug Thompson, Sally Todd, Nancy Whitman, and Margaret Wynn.

We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Susan our Bishop, Stewart our Rector, and Genevieve our Deacon.

We pray for the people of Royster Presbyterian and Talbot Park Baptist Church and their pastors Brian and Keith.

We pray for those who have died, including Ida Ruth Rudolph.

We give thanks for the blessings of this life.

We give thanks for the birthday of Susan Meredith (11/26).

We give thanks for those who keep the church's finances in order.

Announcements

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests! We are delighted to welcome the members and congregations of Talbot Park Baptist Church and Royster Presbyterian Church who are joining us for worship today. We are grateful for your presence and blessed to share this time of praise, fellowship, and community together.

Office Closure The office will be closed on Thursday, November 27th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Advent Adult Formation Series We are delighted to offer the wonderful JustFaith Advent Series, *"Through the Wilderness: Healing for a Weary World,"* during the four Sundays of Advent as part of our Adult Formation program. Please note that we will begin each session at 8:45 a.m., as the material will take most of an hour. We hope you will join us for this meaningful time of reflection, healing, and preparation during the Advent season.

Ascension at the Virginia Chorale will be happening on Sunday, December 7th at 4pm at Christ & St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Group rate tickets are \$20 each, and Sam Webster (757-675-5518) is glad to undertake obtaining them. Please pay by check (payable to Sam Webster) or by cash no later than Friday, December 5th. After the concert, gather at Jane's and Sam's downtown condo for some holiday cheer at 239 Duke Street, Tazewell Street Entrance, No. 406, Norfolk. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share and your own beverage(s). We hope to see you there!

Stuff! As part of her upcoming retirement, Stewart is cleaning out her office and would like to find new homes for

various items, including books, icons, crosses, and rosaries. Please feel free to stop by her office when Stewart is there to see if there's anything you'd like to have.

Facebook Livestream: Please remember that services are livestreamed to Facebook each week for those who are unable to attend. If you prefer not to appear on the livestream, please choose a seat towards the back of the church. We move the cameras during Communion to avoid filming. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Outreach, Collections, & Opportunities

Catholic Worker Coffee and white socks are always needed. At this time of the year sleeping bags are needed, new or used.

Reminder The deadline for announcements is Tuesday at 5pm. Announcements received after that time may not make it into the bulletin or the emailed announcements.

Weekly Studies:

Tuesday Centering Prayer meets at 7:45am on Tuesdays on Zoom for one hour. The meeting opens at 7:30 for chatting, then at 7:45 we proceed with the reading of a psalm, 20 minutes of silent prayer/meditation followed by a discussion of the reading. The group is currently reading *The Great Search: Turning to Earth and Soul in the Quest for Healing and Home* by John Philip Newell. We are a diverse group with members joining from three countries and various religious backgrounds. You are invited to join us at any time. To get on the Zoom invite list, please contact Anji Harris (anjiharris54@gmail.com) or Sally Miller (757-489-5293 or samiller903@yahoo.com).

Participants in the service today:

Rosell Carr, Talbot Park Baptist	Organist
Sharon Foxwell	Choir Leader
The Choirs of Royster, Talbot Park Baptist, and Ascension	
Ariana Stowe, Talbot Park Baptist	Old Testament Reader
Kris Huddle, Ascension	Psalm
Jill Keiffer, Royster Presbyterian	Epistle Reader
The Rev. Keith Martin	Gospel Reader
The Rev. Brian Harroff, Royster	Preacher
Carol Evans, Ascension	Prayer
The Rev. Genevieve Nelson, Ascension	Deacon
The Rev. Stewart Tabb	Celebrant

A Look at the Week Ahead:

Tuesday

7:30 am Centering Prayer – Zoom

10:00 am Food Pantry - Pantry

11:30 am Building & Grounds – Rose Hall

Thursday

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Sunday

8:45 am Godly Play – Parish Hall

8:45 am Coffee & Adult Formation – Hall for Coffee Then Lounge

10:00 am First Sunday of Advent- Holy Eucharist Rite II – Sanctuary

OUR VISION IS

Honoring the Past
Looking Forward in Hope
Be the Face of Healing
Healing is the Core Value

Your Vestry is here to serve you!

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Guest Pianist Rosell Carr

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