

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE

EPIPHANY

November 22, 2020

**Christ the King  
Sunday**

**Ante-Communion Rite II**

*The People's responses are in bold.*

Officiant/Preacher: The Rev. Marianna Gronek

Deacon: The Rev. Janetta Beaumont

Music: Charly Spining and Mary Anne Bruner

Reader: Vaughan Winborne

# Opening Voluntary

At the Name of Jesus (Motet for Christ the King)

John Hebden Schaffner

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

1982 Hymnal 494

*Descant*

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en-throned a - bove;

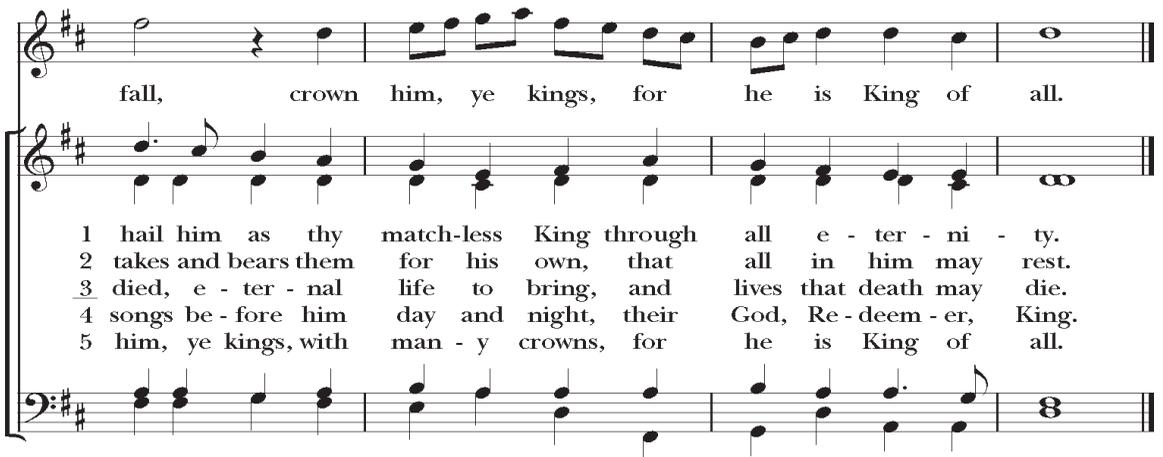
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now  
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wings the hu-man breast, and  
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown



fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

## Welcome Prayer

**Holy Spirit, living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship with us at Epiphany. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let our hearts be a place of love and acceptance of all your children; in the name of your child our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Word of God

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

*Priest* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

*All* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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

*Priest*            The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Priest*            Let us pray.

**O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Lessons

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

**Common English Bible**

*Reader*            A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord God proclaims: I myself will search for my flock and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out the flock when some in the flock have been scattered, so will I seek out my flock. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered during the time of clouds and thick darkness. I will gather and lead them out from the countries and peoples, and I will bring them to their own fertile land. I will feed them on Israel's highlands, along the riverbeds, and in all the

inhabited places. I will feed them in good pasture, and their sheepfold will be there, on Israel's lofty highlands. On Israel's highlands, they will lie down in a secure fold and feed on green pastures. I myself will feed my flock and make them lie down. This is what the Lord God says. I will seek out the lost, bring back the strays, bind up the wounded, and strengthen the weak. But the fat and the strong I will destroy, because I will tend my sheep with justice. So the Lord God proclaims to them: I will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. You shove with shoulder and flank, and with your horns you ram all the weak sheep until you've scattered them outside. But I will rescue my flock so that they will never again be prey. I will even judge between the sheep! I will appoint for them a single shepherd, and he will feed them. My servant David will feed them. He will be their shepherd. I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be their prince. I, the Lord, have spoken.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 100

## Common English Bible

*Reader*

Please join with me in reading the Psalm for today.

**Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!**

**Serve the Lord with celebration!**

**Come before him with shouts of joy!**

**Know that the Lord is God—**

**he made us; we belong to him.**

**We are his people,**

**the sheep of his own pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanks;**

**enter his courtyards with praise!**

**Thank him! Bless his name!**

**Because the Lord is good,**

**his loyal love lasts forever;**

**his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.**

## The Holy Gospel

## Matthew 25:31-46 CEB

*Deacon*

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

So the Lord God proclaims to them: I will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. You shove with shoulder and flank, and with your horns you ram all the weak sheep until you've scattered them outside. But I will rescue my flock so that they will never again be prey. I will even judge between the sheep! I will appoint for them a single shepherd, and he will feed them. My servant David will feed them. He will be their shepherd. I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be their prince. I, the Lord, have spoken.

*Deacon*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

**The Rev. Marianna Gronek**

## Nicene Creed

*Deacon*      **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 was made man. 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**

## The Prayers of the People

*Litany of Solidarity and Hope During a Pandemic*

*Reader*      For those who are sick.  
For those with chronic illnesses and underlying health concerns.  
For all those who are suffering.

*People*      **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader*      For those who are lonely.  
For those who have no one to check on them.  
For families that are separated.  
For those who are unemployed.  
For those suffering financial hardships.  
For those who face an uncertain future.

*People*      **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For those who are suffering from physical or emotional abuse.  
For those who are disproportionately suffering because of societal structures and unjust policies.  
For those who are struggling with physical or mental disabilities.  
For those who are overwhelmed by anxiety and stress.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For those who are dying.  
For those who have died while saving the lives of others.  
For all who have lost their lives.  
For those who have survived.  
For those who have lost their spouses.  
For children who have been orphaned.  
For all those who mourn and those who comfort them.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For firefighters, police, and emergency medical workers.  
For doctors, nurses, and all health care professionals.  
For those who serve in the armed forces.  
For public officials. For business leaders.  
For educators. For innovators and inventors who provide new solutions.  
For Deacons, Priests, and Bishops.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For peace in our city and in our world.  
For renewed friendships among neighbors.  
For solidarity and unity among all peoples.  
For a greater appreciation and love of all humanity.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For patience and perseverance.  
For calm in the midst of fear.  
For the grace to overcome adversity.  
For generosity of spirit. For hope in times of despair.  
For light in the darkness.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest* Gracious and Loving God, You are our comforter and our hope. Hear our prayers as we come before you. Strengthen us in this time of need. Inspire us to acts of solidarity and generosity and give us hope of a brighter future. **Amen.** (*Adapted from a prayer by Joseph P. Shadle*)

## **Confession of Sin**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **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.**

*Priest* 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**

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*Priest* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Deacon* Let us join together in the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

*All* **Jesus, may all that is you flow into me. May my food and drink be your body and blood. May your passion and death be my strength and life. Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love which you**

offer but hold me safe from the forces of evil. On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Keep calling to me until that day comes when, with your saints, I may praise you for ever. Amen.

(1989 Anglican Church of South Africa Prayer book)

## Final Blessing

*Priest* Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things; and may our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer bless your thinking and your doing. **Amen.**

(Adapted from Phil. 4:8)

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Dismissal of their choice.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Soon and Very Soon

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Soon and ver - ry soon - we are going to see the King!  
No more cry - ing there, - we are going to see the King!  
No more dy - ing there, - we are going to see the King!

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Soon and ver - ry soon - we are going to see the King!  
No more cry - ing there - we are going to see the King!  
No more dy - ing there - we are going to see the King!

Soon and ver - ry soon - we are going to see the King! - Hal-le lu - jah! - Hal-le-  
No more cry - ing there we are going to see the King!  
No more dy - ing there we are going to see the King!

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lu - jah! - We're going to see the King! going to see the King! Hal - le -

## Closing Voluntary

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Virtual Coffee Hour:** We are offering a virtual version of Coffee Hour at 10:30am right after the Sunday morning worship service! If you join at 10:00am we will be watching the service together. Coffee and Chat is an informal way to pop in and have a chat with your church community! You can join the Zoom gathering by entering the Meeting ID: 989 0659 2488. The Password for the gathering is: 618030

**Do you feel a call to bring the love of God to young children?** We are looking for someone to lead our Children's Ministry Team — a collaborative group who create learning and formation opportunities for children from birth through 5th grade. If the Holy Spirit is nudging you to join this beautiful and grace-filled ministry, please contact Priest Marianna at [priestm@epiphanyaz.org](mailto:priestm@epiphanyaz.org), or 928-607-6736.

**Happy Advent!** This year, Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is proud to present new Advent resources from One Thousand Days of Love. Click on the link below to take you to the ERD website for resources to share with your family during the season of Advent. There are weekly Introductions to Advent videos, craft projects, prayers & reflections, biographies of saints, DIY Creche, Gifts for Growth, and the 12 Days of Christmas! <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/1000day-soflove/2020advent/>

**Generosity: Rooted in Faith Stewardship Campaign:** GOD BLESS YOU and THANK YOU to all who have submitted your Estimate of Giving cards to the office! Your financial gift will allow the financial leadership at Epiphany to begin planning our budget for 2021. If you have not yet turned in your giving card, we ask you to prayerfully consider your financial giving for next year. Ministry may have changed during this time, but it has not ended. Your financial giving will help us to continue the good work of spreading the Gospel into a changed world. You may mail your giving card to the church office at: 423 N. Beaver St., Flagstaff, AZ, 86001 or drop it through the slot in the office door off the back porch adjacent to the rear parking lot.

**Advent Series:** On Sunday afternoons in Advent (4pm on November 29, December 6, 13, 20), Priest Mary Piotrowski and Sue Martin-Caskey will offer a class loosely based on John Philip Newell's book, *The Rebirthing of God. Journey to the Island of Iona* and join the Peregrini Christi (Christ's Pilgrims) to visit the ancient abbey, the nunnery, the hermit's cell, and all that comprise St. Columba's landing place in Scotland. Learn what makes Celtic Christianity distinctive and what it may have to offer our own faith renewal. Contact Priest Lynn Perkins (jonesmlynn@aol.com) if you plan to attend so you can receive the Zoom invitation.

**TUESDAY HEALING AND HOLY EUCHARIST:** Weather permitting (temperature forecast to be higher than 50 degrees and low chance of precipitation), in-person-Healing and Holy Eucharist services are being held each Tuesday at 12:15 pm in the Labyrinth Biblical Garden. Come to the outdoor service, wearing your face mask and maintaining social distance. If in doubt about the weather, please check our homepage at [epiphanyaz.org](http://epiphanyaz.org).

**This week we give thanks for** David Spence and his continued work on the ongoing remodel project in the the church basement, and for the wonderful sermon preached at this past weekend's worship service by The Rev. Mary Piotrowski.

**Community Input Survey:** As we plan for the future of in-person worship, in addition to holding Saturday in-person services at 5:30 pm, we would like your input on time for an in-person Sunday morning worship service. Please take a few seconds to give us your feedback by going here: <https://forms.gle/qmHTLPH4c-71SpfhU9>

**The Forward Day by Day** for November, December, and January have arrived. They are now available in the church office. If you are unable to come and obtain one, please notify the office and it will be mailed to you.

**MISSION AND OUTREACH: CHRISTMAS LOVE OFFERING FOR HOMELESS EDUCATION FUND:** Once again, Epiphany Church is planning to provide Holiday Cheer for the students in need due to homeless situations. During Covid 19, we will not provide stocking stuffers, but financial gifts will be so appreciated. The teachers who care for these students have told us that the need is greater than ever this year, so we will continue asking for your help.

We would appreciate donations of CHECKS / CASH or GIFT CARDS. As they did last year, the teachers will distribute to the families through the FUSD McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program the day prior to Winter Break. The monetary gifts or gift cards need to be turned in by December 11th in order to have all available to present the total to the homeless education fund.

Checks should be made out to FUSD with M-V Donation in the memo line. If you choose to donate a Gift Card, please choose a store where alcohol and tobacco products are NOT available.

**Ideas for purchase of gift cards follows:** Tuesday Morning, The Dollar Tree, other dollar stores, JC Penney, Ross, HomeDepot, Bed Bath and Beyond, Savers, Marshalls, Kohls, Big Lots, Assistance League, etc.

Have all gift cards or checks turned in to the office by December 11th. Remember, there is a safety slot in the back door to the office which is checked regularly by the appropriate staff. This loving gift of Christmas cheer is much in need and the parents and children will be so grateful for your help.

The Mission and Outreach Committee will decorate the front of the church with ornaments that will have the names of donors on them. We want our community to know that Epiphany is still reaching out to those in need. If you have any questions please call Letty David or Martha Taylor.