

Hymn *For the beauty of the earth*

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1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

5. For the Church which evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore thy pure sacrifice of love,

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For each perfect gift of thine to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Lay Reader: 6:30 Martha Burton

Ushers: John Brockwell, Maureen McClure

Audio: Jim Donnelly

WELCOME VISITORS. We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, kindly fill out one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the collection plate.

The arrangement at the altar is given to the glory of God and in memory of J.T and Marjorie Gwaltney, Ben and Nancy Kinsey, and Ben Gwaltney, by their family.

The flowers at the altar today were arranged by Kay Wray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHRIST AND GRACE OFFICE CLOSED on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will take place on Sunday, December 8. There will be no 8 am service or 9:30 am Adult/Youth Christian Education only a **10 am service** that day followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

BATTERSEA TOUR will take place on Sunday, December 8, starting at 12 pm in Lackey Hall where tickets will be available for purchase. The Christ and Grace stained glass windows will be one of the stops on the tour.

JOIN LARAIN SMITH AND BILL OWEN as they perform a Christmas concert at Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg on Tuesday, December 17 at 8:00 pm. The concert is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The concert is part of the Candlelight Concert Series.

BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER will be held Sunday, December 22, at the 10:30 am service. All children and youth are invited to be part of this pageant. We hope that all parents can help with rehearsal on Saturday, December 21, and to get the children in their costumes on Sunday morning. Youth are needed to help narrate the pageant and encourage the children. Let Rev. Robin or Gina Mead know if you can help and mark your calendars for the Best Christmas Pageant Ever!

PECAN FUNDRAISER ORDERS HAVE ARRIVED! Please pick up your order on the stage. Extras available for purchase in Lackey Hall! Please support the ECW.

THE NIGHT CIRCLE ANNUAL POINSETTIA SALE! Pickup in Lackey Hall is Friday, December 6, and Saturday, December 7, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 8, following the 10 am service and Annual meeting. **Payment by check should made out to "Night Circle"**.

ECW BAKE SALE will take place on Sunday, December 8. Donations of baked goods, soups, casseroles, condiments and confections will be greatly appreciated. They can be left in the church kitchen on Friday, December 6, and Saturday, December 7, between 10 – 2 p.m. For questions, contact Sally Seward joboz@aol.com or 861-3060.

THE 2020 FLOWER CHART IS UP! Sign up on the chart, fill out the form, and leave completed form with the church office. **Please do not sign up without filling out a form!** It's easy to forget if you don't do it right away, and this causes more work for the volunteers to follow up with you later. Thank you for your support!

Calendar for the Week

Thurs. Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting – Lackey Hall

Fri. Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed



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Our mission: Offering Hope, Healing and Hospitality

It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins.

**THANKSGIVING EVE
November 27, 2019**

Welcome families with children. If anytime during the service your child needs a place for active play, a small unstaffed nursery room, restrooms, and respite area, with a speaker to hear the service, are located downstairs under the Sycamore Street entrance to the church.

6:30 PM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – with music

The Word of God

Prelude

Hymn 290 *Come, ye thankful people, come*

St. George's, Windsor

Opening Acclamation

standing

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

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

Hymn 408 *Sing praise to God*

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 433 *We gather together* (vs. 1-2) Kremser

Gospel: *standing* (p. 357)

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
John 6:25-35

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn 433 *We gather together* (vs. 3) Kremser

The Sermon The Rev. Robin Teasley

The Nicene Creed *standing* (p. 358)

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.

A Litany of Thanksgiving (p. 837)

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in

Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite you to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud. (*pause*)

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Peace *standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greeting and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 686 *Come, thou fount of every blessing* Nettleton

At The Presentation Doxology Old Hundredth (Hymn 380 vs. 3) *standing*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise

him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A (p. 361)

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 everywhere 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:

Hymn S-125 *Holy, holy, holy Lord* Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

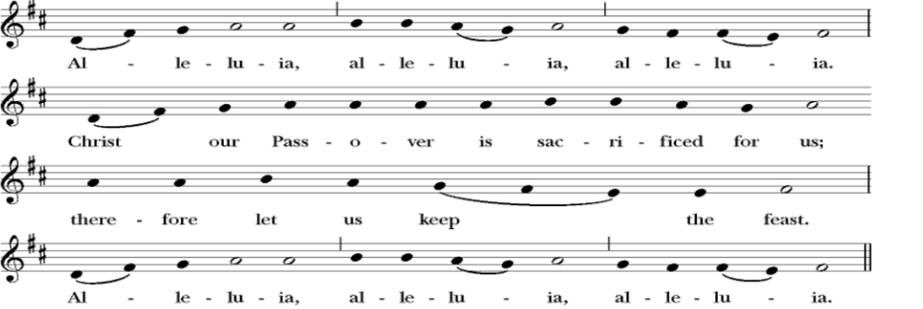
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Hymn S-154 *Alleluia* New Plainsong



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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons, regardless of denomination or church membership, are welcome to come forward and receive the Holy Bread and Wine. A larger chalice for drinking or a small chalice for intincting (dipping) are available at the altar rail. If you wish to intinct, please hold your wafer up so chalice bearers can see it. If you would like Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

Communion Hymn 325 *Let us break bread together on our knees* Let Us Break Bread

Prayer of Thanksgiving *standing or kneeling* (p. 366)

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing