

"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."

Our Vision: *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all.*

THIS SUNDAY - November 28 Beyond

King and Kingdom



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Pilate asks Jesus directly, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus, seeming to evade, answers with a question: "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" No question put to Jesus will find an answer if the question is a trap. On his own

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"In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world" (John 16:33). In this world we expect trial and hardship, challenge and loss, persecution and bitterness of every kind. We expect to work by the sweat of our brow and bear the blessing of life in pain. We expect this and we face this, but not as those who are without hope. Our help is in the name of the Lord. Our help and hope reside in heaven, where victory and life and healing are assured.

Consider the Father and the Son and sacred flame of the Spirit in the mystery of heaven. "As I watched," the prophet says, calling the reader and listener to watch and wait and wonder at the victory and power of God. "As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire" (Dan. 7:9). Do we see the night vision? God Almighty! God the Ancient One! God forever and ever! Fiery flames and burning wheels!

There is a divine person who stands before the throne. "As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him" (Dan. 7:13). In like manner, the author of the letter to the Hebrews writes, "For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf" (Heb. 9:24). Jesus is our king precisely because of what he has done on our behalf. He has assumed our human nature; he has borne the crushing weight of evil and the sediment of guilt accrued over ages. He loved us and forgave us to the end. He loves us still, forgives us still, and is ever making petition on our behalf. In him, we are secure as the adopted children of God.

In the midst of life we are in death. But we may say with equal confidence that in the midst of death we are in life forevermore because we are in Jesus Christ. "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Moment by moment, the kingdom of heaven is being established on earth in the hearts the elect. The kingdom of God is within you. And in the final moment, whenever it may be, a cry will go out: "Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him" (Rev. 1:7).

Jesus Christ is the victorious king. Press on with hope and confidence.

Source: The Living Word Picture: by Maerten Van Heemskerck Title: Ecce Homo

Readings for this Sunday – The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King Sunday Daniel 7:9-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:1-8 John 18:33-37

CALENDAR

Note: We are worshipping in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday Morning Prayer are held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

SUNDAYThe Last Sunday after Pentecost10:00am Mass in All Saints' ChurchJoin Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.orgRecording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.orgChristian Formation and First Communion Instruction for ChildrenAges 5-12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00am-10:45amChristian Formation gathering at 11:30am in the Rector's study

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

WEDNESDAY Spanish Classes is on hiatus and will resume on December 1 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Parish Hall taught by Fr. Carlos Expósito

FRIDAY 10:00am Morning Prayer in St. Mary's Chapel

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OUR CORE VALUES:

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gift
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally

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