

Christ the King Sunday

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Holy Communion: Rite One

Kirkin 'O' The Tartans



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Services: Sunday at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 10 AM • Saturday at 5 PM

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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin:  Priest  Deacon  Leader  Congregation  Everyone

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Highland Cathedral

Madison Poth, Piper

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

[Please remain seated.]

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Al Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Christ, have mercy upon us.

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy Spirit.

P Let us pray. . . . 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.

C Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

L *The First Reading is taken from Ezekiel, Chapter 34...*

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

L *We will read responsively Psalm 100...*

- ℣ Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- ☩ **Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
- ℣ Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- ☩ **For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The Second Reading

- ℣ *The Second Reading is taken from Ephesians, chapter 1*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- ℣ The Word of the Lord.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

[Please stand.]

- ℣ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
- ☩ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**
- ℣ Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit

me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Michael Durning

[Please be seated.]

THE NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

☑ **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 *[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]*

☐ Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

☒ Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity. Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. God of Peace,

☑ **Hear our prayer.**

☒ Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Michael, our Priest in Charge; and Cindy, our Deacon; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese; Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota; St. Nathaniel's, North Port; Church of the Good Shepherd, Venice, and the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. God of Peace,

☑ **Hear our prayer.**

ℒ And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. God of Peace,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

ℒ We pray for the leaders of this nation, for those newly-elected to public office, the Congress, the President, and all others in authority. May they be guided by your Wisdom, and find strength and courage to know and accomplish your purposes in the midst of these days. God of Peace,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

ℒ And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*add handwritten names from notebook*] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers, and those we now name, aloud or in our hearts. [*Leave time...*] God of Peace,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

ℒ Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and for the birthdays this coming week of Sarah Guerrie, Jaclyn Chisholm, Troy Abel, Patrick Brinsko, and for those celebrating anniversaries last week, Michael & Bonnie Jean Durning, and this week, Robert & Barbara Colacicco, God of Peace,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

ℒ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [*especially... add names from notebook*] and those we name, aloud or in our hearts. [*Leave time...*] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of Peace,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

ℒ Empower, O Lord, our Search Committee and Vestry as we pray....

☩ **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on our Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

ℒ Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

☩ **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

[*Please kneel or stand.*]

ℒ Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*] Most merciful God, . . .

☩ **We confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

*[Please stand. **During this time of social distancing**, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and “the Peace of the Lord be with you,” will do nicely.]*

P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

D Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But to do good and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

*[Please be seated. **The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]***

OFFERTORY

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[Please stand when invited by the Deacon.]

D As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge

C All things come from thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

C Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

P All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full

and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

- ☐ For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
- ☐ Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."
- ☐ Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.
- ☑ **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**
- ☐ By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
- ☑ **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

- ☐ God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
- ☑ **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**
- ☐ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
- [Please be seated.]*

[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. Please keep your mask on, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.]

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

P Let us pray.

C Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

[The Piper will now lead us to the courtyard for the Kirkin 'O' The Tartans]

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

[Please stand for Scotland the Brave.]

P Present the Tartans! Will you each state the name of your clan.

[When invited by the priest, please state the name of your clan, sept or family.]

P Eternal God, bless the members, symbols and sacred colors of the clans present today, and grant that all who share this heritage of faith and sacrifice may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

P The Celtic conviction of the unity of all Creation bids us to use our proud heritage not as a means of division or superiority, but to bring blessing and hospitality to all humanity. Let us covenant together in the spirit of unity:

C We are all united in the clan and Kirk of Jesus Christ, for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all. We present ourselves before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and covenant with God and with humanity to be people that seek to be a blessing to all lands, clans and times. Amen.

P May God, who has given you the will to make this covenant, give you the grace and means to keep it.

C Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

[Please stand.]

P Go out into the world in peace. Have courage! Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Blessing of our Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you.

C Amen.

D Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	Michael Durning
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Piper	Madison Poth
Chalicer/Acolyte	Michelle Schombs
Lector	John Schmidt
Prayers of the People	Michelle Schombs
Ushers	John Schmidt & Jay Harvey
Building & Grounds	Iris Brookins