The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King

November 25, 2018
8:00 a.m.

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church
Middlebury, Vermont

Our purpose: To grow in God’s love and serve Christ in all people
Our mission: To be an inclusive community awake to God in worship, learning and service
Welcome to St. Stephen’s!
It is our honor and pleasure to have you visiting with us today. Your presence enriches our worship. Following the service, please take a moment to sign the guest register next to the front door. After the 10:30 a.m. service there is a coffee hour for all to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Current copies of the Parishscope, the parish newsletter, are available for you to take with you. For additional information, please visit our website at www.ststephensmidd.org.

We welcome children at St. Stephen’s!
- **Child care** is provided in the Ark upstairs from 9:00 a.m. until noon with our wonderful caregiver Suzie Klemmer.
- **Children ages 4 - 10** are welcome to participate in Godly Play upstairs during the 10:30 a.m. service. Godly Play is a Montessori-inspired Christian formation program that teaches children about the mystery of God through storytelling. Children join their parents in church during The Peace. Our Godly Play teachers are Beth Davis and Barb Wood.
- **Children’s “quiet bags”** are available on the hooks at the back of the church.
- **The Chapel** at the back of the church is sound equipped for parents who wish a quieter environment for their children.

All who are seeking a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to share in the communion. At the proper time the ushers will direct you to the altar to receive communion. If you desire to receive a blessing rather than communion simply cross your arms across your chest. To receive gluten free bread please inform the server at the time of communion. To receive grape juice instead of wine please go to the baptism side of the altar rail (right). There, inform the server at the time of communion.

If you have any **questions**, please ask any Vestry member – their nametags are marked.

There is an **elevator** in the reception area opposite the Parish Administrator’s Office. Take the door next to the Baptismal Font. A wheelchair and personal amplification devices are available for those who need them. See an usher for assistance. There are restrooms on all three floors.

Whenever a prayer or response is in **bold** you are encouraged to read this aloud.

In the Episcopal Church we commonly stand for prayers or hymns- you may sit if you prefer.

If you have pastoral care needs, contact Jessica Hoagland (388-9012, hoagland.j@comcast.net), pastoral lay ministry coordinator; Mary McGuire (802-598-1895 or 388-6740, mary.c.mcguire10@gmail.com), Senior Warden; or Annemarie Deering in the office (388-7200, ststephensmiddlebury@gmail.com).
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

The Gloria

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
First Lesson  
Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

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.

A stream of fire issued

and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,

and the books were opened.

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.

To him was given dominion

and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages

should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion

that shall not pass away,

and his kingship is one

that shall never be destroyed.

Reader:  
The Word of the Lord.

People:  
Thanks be to God.

Psalm  
Psalm 93

The LORD is King;
he has put on splendid apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved;

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting.

The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

Second Lesson  
Revelation 1: 4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader:  The Word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God.
The Gospel

John 18: 33-37

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon


The Prayers of the People (stand or kneel) Prayer book p. 328

Confession of Sin Prayer book p. 330

The Peace (stand)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And with thy spirit.

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord,
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer II) Prayer Book p. 340

The Lord’s Prayer Prayer Book p. 336
The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

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The Postcommunion Prayer  (stand)

Celebrant: Let us pray.
People: 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.

Announcements

The Blessing

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be a blessing upon you, now and forever.
People: Amen.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Celebrant: The Reverend Larry Yarbrough
Preacher: The Reverend Irv Cummings
Lector: Eric Davis
Intercessor: Kitty Davis
Eucharistic Minister: Nance Hardwick

The Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Jack’s 5th Birthday, The Simpson Family