



Holy Communion

Christ the King
20 November 2022

A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor, it is good to have you here.

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We stand as the bell sounds to mark the beginning of our worship. As we sing our first hymn the altar party and choir process into church.

HYMN

- 1 At the name of Jesus
 every knee shall bow,
 every tongue confess him
 King of glory now:
 'tis the Father's pleasure
 we should call him Lord,
 who from the beginning
 was the mighty Word.
- 2 At his voice creation
 sprang at once to sight,
 all the angel faces,
 all the hosts of light,
 thrones and dominations,
 stars upon their way,
 all the heavenly orders,
 in their great array.
- 3 Humbled for a season,
 to receive a name
 from the lips of sinners
 unto whom he came,
 faithfully he bore it
 spotless to the last,
 brought it back victorious,
 when from death he passed:

- 4 Bore it up triumphant
 with its human light,
 through all ranks of creatures,
 to the central height,
 to the throne of Godhead,
 to the Father's breast;
 filled it with the glory,
 of that perfect rest.
- 5 Name him, Christians, name him,
 with love strong as death,
 but with awe and wonder
 and with bated breath:
 he is God the Saviour,
 he is Christ the Lord,
 ever to be worshipped,
 trusted, and adored.
- 6 In your hearts enthrone him;
 there let him subdue
 all that is not holy,
 all that is not true:
 crown him as your Captain
 in temptation's hour;
 let his will enfold you
 in its light and power.
- 7 Surely, this Lord Jesus
 shall return again,
 with his Father's glory,
 with his angel train;
 for all wreaths of empire
 meet upon his brow,
 and our hearts confess him
 King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

GREETING

Minister In the name of the Father,
 and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Minister The Lord be with you,
All and also with you.

Words of welcome may be said.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All Almighty God, to whom
 all hearts are open, all desires known,
 and from whom no secrets are hidden:
 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. Amen.

CONFESSION

Deacon Jesus says,
 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

 So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
 confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence may be kept.

All God of mercy,
 we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
 We turn from the wrong
 that we have thought and said and done,
 and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
 For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
 forgive us for all that is past,
 and help us to live each day
 in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Minister Almighty God,
 who in Jesus Christ has given us
 a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
 forgive your sins,
 open your eyes to God's truth,
 strengthen you to do God's will
 and give you the joy of his kingdom,#
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Choir/All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said.

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory..

All Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and

righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

SECOND READING Colossians 1.11-20

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

HYMN

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time:
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo! it glows with peace and joy.

- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
 light and love upon my way,
 from the cross the radiance streaming
 adds more lustre to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
 by the cross are sanctified;
 peace is there that knows no measure,
 joys that through all time abide.
- 5 In the cross of Christ I glory,
 towering o'er the wrecks of time:
 all the light of sacred story
 gathers round its head sublime.

John Bowring (1792-1872)

GOSPEL READING Luke 23.33-43

Choir/All Alleluia!

Cantor Blessed is the King
 who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Choir/All Alleluia!

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'

And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

CREED

Minister Let us declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All We believe in God, the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Minister We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

This response may be included:

Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is kept.

PEACE

Minister To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*Chorus This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

2 There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

3 Come, see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

4 So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

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TABLE PRAYER

Minister To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.

May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

All Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord be with you,

All and also with you.

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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

Minister How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
born of Mary, to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

**Choir/All Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit
as we bring before you these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink
these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with [*N and*] all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise.

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence may be kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All 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,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Minister We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Choir/All Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Minister Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance
that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

All **Amen.**

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

COMMUNION MOTET Charles Wood: God omnipotent reigneth

HYMN

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

American folk hymn

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,**

and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

HYMN

- 1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
- Chorus* Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.
- 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
- 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
- 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
- 5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Michael Saward (b. 1932)

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BLESSING

Minister Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;
All for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Deacon Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:
All and you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Percy Whitlock: Paeon

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OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Richard H, Kay G, Jonathan, Ron W, Kath T, June M, Jenny A, Andrew E, Sue M, Father Gregory, Hilly S.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Shirley C, Diana B.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then tell Pat Thomas whom to pray for and the reason why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: June Clark, Stuart Coles, Alan Miles Desborough, Timothy Paul Wilford, Myrtle Barbara Redman, Doris Perks, Keith Patrick Mahoney, Harry Temple, Peter Wyldes, Mary Raitt, James Flynn, Lily Patrick, Reg Owen, Terry Rainbow, James Holloway, Betty De'Ath, Shena Toseland.

NOTICES

Our Advent Course begins on Thursday 1 December via Zoom. The sessions will be 19:00-20:30. There will be Bible study, discussion, and prayer as we journey through this season of expectation. Please let the Church Office know if you would like the link, or find it on our Facebook pages nearer the time.

Children's Society box holders please bring your boxes to church for the annual opening. Alternatively Lynne Burton (phone: 01933 677093) could come and collect your box. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

All Saints' Christmas Quiz is now available. Price £1. All funds go towards the upkeep of our church.

Advent Carol Service Sunday 27 November 18:00, All Saints. Come along to this service to mark the beginning of the Advent Season, this time of expectation.

Rev Paula's new address: From 21 November 2022 I will be moving to the Vicarage at 56 Hatton Park Road, Wellingborough, NN8 5AQ. My telephone number will remain the same. The move means a saving of over £200 per month on our family bills, this is our only reason for moving. The move will not incur costs to the parishes or the Diocese. The Vicarage on Midland Road will be rented out by the Diocese in due course.

Rev Paula

Help with Christmas Services: Would you like to help with our Christingle and Nativity services? We are looking for a working group to help with publicity, stewarding, helping with the service, making Christingles, etc. etc. Please contact Pat Thomas or Angie if you can contribute in any way to spreading the Good News to the young families in our community.

DIARY

Mon 21 Nov

19:00-21:00 All Hallows' Hall AH PCC meeting

Tues 22 Nov

9:00-9:30 Zoom Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall coffee shop

Wed 23 Nov

Clement

9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall coffee shop
10:30-12:30 All Hallows open to the public
12:15-13:00 All Hallows Midweek Eucharist
19:00-20:00 All Saints AS choir practice

Thurs 24 Nov

9:00-9:30 Zoom Morning Prayer
10:00-10:30 All Saints Holy Communion
19:00-20:00 All Hallows Handbell practice

Fri 25 Nov

9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall coffee shop
19:00-20:30 All Hallows AH choir practice

Sat 26 Nov

9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall coffee shop
10:30-12:30 All Hallows open to the public

Sun 27 Nov

Advent 1

9:15-10:15 All Saints Eucharist with parade
11:15-12:30 All Hallows Eucharist
18:00-19:00 All Saints Advent Carol service

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