

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.
- 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.
- 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, we give you thanks and praise; of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, you bore for us the load of this world's sin.

O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won, receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord, at God's right hand in majesty most high: who with the Spirit worshipped and adored: with all the heav'nly host we glorify.

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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

- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.
- 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!

Deacon 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

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown, when thou camest to earth for me; but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room for thy holy nativity:

Chorus O come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for thee.

- 2 Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, proclaiming thy royal degree; but in lowly birth didst thou come to earth, and in great humility:
- The foxes found rest, and the bird had its nest in the shade of the cedar tree; but thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God, in the desert of Galilee:
- 4 Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word that should set thy people free; but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn they bore thee to Calvary:
- When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing, at thy coming to victory, let thy voice call me home, saying, 'Yet there is room, there is room at my side for thee:'

Emily Elizabeth Steele Elliott (1836-1897)

TABI F PRAYFR

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 is the Lord, holy is the Lord God Almighty.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

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.

Choir/All Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord, worthy is the Lord God Almighty.

Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord, worthy is the Lord God Almighty.

Who was and is and is to come. Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord.

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 Amen.

Choir/All Glory, glory, glory to the Lord, glory to the Lord God Almighty.

Glory, glory, glory to the Lord, glory to the Lord God Almighty.

Who was and is and is to come, glory, glory, glory to the Lord.

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 Jesus, Jesus is the Lord, Jesus is the Lord God almighty. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord, Jesus is the Lord God almighty.

Who was, and is, and is to come, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.

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.

HYMNS

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

American folk 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.
- 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.
- 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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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:

 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: Paean

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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 9:30-12:00	Zoom All Hallows' Hall	Morning Prayer coffee shop
Wed 23 Nov	Clement	
9:30-12:00 10:30-12:30 12:15-13:00 19:00-20:00	All Hallows' Hall All Hallows All Hallows All Saints	coffee shop open to the public Midweek Eucharist AS choir practice
Thurs 24 Nov		
9:00-9:30 10:00-10:30 19:00-20:00	Zoom All Saints All Hallows	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Handbell practice
Fri 25 Nov		
9:30-12:00 19:00-20:30	All Hallows' Hall All Hallows	coffee shop AH choir practice
Sat 26 Nov		
9:30-12:00 10:30-12:30	All Hallows' Hall All Hallows	coffee shop open to the public
Sun 27 Nov	Advent 1	
9:15-10:15 11:15-12:30 18:00-19:00	All Saints All Hallows All Saints	Eucharist with parade Eucharist Advent Carol service

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