

Christ the King
21 November 2021
The Parish Eucharist

Before the service

Organ: Andante Tranquillo (from Sonata no.3) – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Opening Hymn and Greeting

The bell rings and we stand, as we are able, and sing:

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.**

**In every insult, rift and war,
Where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth,
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
And find the way, the life, the truth,
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love and praise.**

Words: Brian Wren (born 1936)

Music: 'Truro' Psalmodia Evangelica (1789)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

We receive an absolution, assuring us of God's forgiveness

When Sunday School is meeting, a prayer is said with our young people at this point before they leave for their session.

The Gloria and Collect

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.

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.

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. Amen.

[Music: Dom Gregory Murray (1905-92)]

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.

Amen.

Readings (we sit)

First Reading (Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Saint Nicholas Singers sing Psalm 93

1. The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel * the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
2. He hath made the round world so sure * that it cannot be moved.
3. Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared * thou art from everlasting.
4. The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice * the floods lift up their waves.
5. The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly * but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
6. Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure * holiness becometh thine house for ever.

Second reading (Revelation I. 4b-8)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(We stand)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven. **Alleluia,**
alleluia, alleluia

Please turn to face the Gospel reading (John 18. 33-37)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon— Fr Yazid Said

The Creed (We 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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 Intercessions (please kneel or sit)

The response to each petition is:

May your reign (/kingdom/dominion/rule) come:
Lord hear our prayer

At the end: Loving God, you have taught us ... To him be glory and power for ever **Amen.**

The Peace (We stand)

The Peace is introduced, followed by:

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

**Sing Alleluya forth ye saints on high,
And let all the Church on earth make glad reply:
Refrain: To Christ the King, sing Alleluya!**

**To him, who is both Word of God and Son,
Who, out of love, our nature did put on: Refrain:**

**To him who, born of Mary, shared our life,
And in our manhood triumphed in the strife: Refrain:**

**To him, who did for all our sins atone,
In naked majesty on Calvary's throne: Refrain:**

**To him who rose victorious from the dead,
And reigns on high, his people's Lord and Head:
Refrain:**

**To him who sent the Holy Spirit's grace,
To bear the Father's love to every race: Refrain:**

**To him, the universal Saviour, now
Let every knee in adoration bow: Refrain:**

Words: George B. Tims (1910-97)

Music: 'Martins' Percy Buck (1871-1947)

The Eucharistic Prayer

A prayer is said over the gifts on the altar, to which we respond
Amen.

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The seasonal part of the prayer follows and at the end the choir sings:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

[Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.]

[Missa Brevis Sancti Pauli – Anthony Cæsar (1924-2018)]

We pray for the Holy Spirit to transform us and the gifts, and then the words of Jesus at the Last Supper are recalled:

The following acclamation is then used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues with oblation and intercession, ending:

... all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever **Amen.**

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Saint Nicholas Singers sing:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. (x2)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

[Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.]

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

If you normally receive Communion in your own church then you are welcome to do so here, or you may prefer the priest to pray for God's blessing on you. Please indicate if you would rather receive a blessing.

In order to preserve social distancing, please leave space as you queue to receive communion standing at the front of the church. If you would prefer to kneel to receive Communion then please use the rail in the south aisle.

Gluten-free hosts are available.

During Communion

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Words: George Herbert (1593-1632)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Post-Communion Prayers (We stand at 'Let us pray')

After the post-communion prayer we say together

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices (please sit)

Please join us for refreshments after the service (in the garden or the narthex depending on the weather.)

A collection is taken during the final hymn. Those preferring to donate online are invited to use our contactless donation point instead or follow the QR code on the front of the booklet.

**King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
And that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared
me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short to extol thee.**

Words: George Herbert (1593-1632)

Music: 'Gwalchmai' Joseph David Jones (1827-70)

Blessing and Dismissal (please stand)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God the Father,..... Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**

God the Son,..... right hand of the Father. **Amen**

God the Holy Spirit, faithful servants of Christ the King.
Amen

... and the ✠blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Organ: Dialogue sur les Grand Jeux - Nicholas De Grigny
(1672-1701)
Played by John Winstanley*

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