



Service of Holy Communion



Kingdom Season

Sunday 3rd November 2024

All Saints - 4th Sunday before Advent

Mass Setting: St. Thomas (D. Thorne)

Deacon: Gill
Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Rev Jim

WELCOME & Opening Prayer

(Please remain seated)

Christ the King,
You became poor that many might become rich;
You emptied yourself of all power
That we might be empowered to choose.

You show us God's kingdom in our midst
And invite us to kneel with you,
To humble ourselves, to serve those in need,
To find you here with us now.

As we gather in your name, fill us with your Spirit;
Open our hearts to worship you,
Jesus Christ our Servant King.
Amen.

HYMN 357 - All people that on earth do dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

William Kethe (d.1594) Psalm 100 in Anglo-Genevan Psalter, 1560

INTRODUCTION TO CONFESSION

We come to God from whom no secrets are hidden and ask for forgiveness and peace. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

CONFESSION (Please sit or kneel)

A moment of Silence

When we follow the strongest and fittest
Forgetting your gift of compassion
And the strength of your grace
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

When we neglect human worth
And fail in our duty as stewards of creation
When we forget that you knelt down to wash your disciples' feet
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

When we watch as the powerful dominate the vulnerable
And follow our own pride and greed
When we forget that you are the king who died on the cross
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *us*, pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins, confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness, and keep *us* in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand to sing the Gloria

***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.***

THE COLLECT (Prayer of the week)

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (please sit)

All Age Talk

BIBLE READING

New Testament: Revelation 21: 1-6a Read by Kathryn

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also, he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

At the end

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 732 - My Jesus, my Saviour

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Darlene Zschech (b. 1965)

GOSPEL READING

John 11: 32 – 44

(Please remain standing)

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev Jim

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We stand to affirm our Faith using the words of the **NICENE CREED**

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Led by Rev Pauline

Please sit or kneel

These responses may be used:

Your Kingdom come

On earth as in heaven

at the end

O God, King of our souls

**accept these prayers for the sake of Christ our servant King
Amen.**

CALLING OF BANNS OF MARRIAGE, NOTICES AND TIME OF SHARING

THE PEACE (please stand)

These words may be used

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 always with you
and also with you.

DEACON: Let us offer one another a sign of peace

OFFERTORY HYMN 454 - Love is his word.

(During the offertory hymn the bread and wine and collection are brought to the Altar)

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way:
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
love, only love, is his mark:
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood' -
love, only love, is his sign:
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood' -
love, only love, is his news:
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, parents and kin,
love, only love, is his name:
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his name, love is his law,
hear his command, all who are his
'Love one another, I have loved you'
love, only love, is his law.
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one,
love, only love, is his word:
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please sit or kneel - The Choir may remain standing

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

And now we give you thanks
because through Christ you have received us
as your sons and daughters,
joined us in one fellowship with the saints,
and made us citizens of your kingdom.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
forever praising you and singing:

***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.***

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
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.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we look for the Kingdom of God
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

The Agnus Dei is sung:

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

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

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

Here is the table of the Lord, we are gathered to his supper, a foretaste of things eternal. Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love. Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith. Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole. Come, old and young, there is room for all.

All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and the wine or a blessing. It is helpful for us if you say your name when you come to the front. The choir will receive Holy Communion first at the High Altar, followed by the rest of the congregation who will receive Holy Communion at the Chancel step.

An anthem is usually sung by the Choir and then a Hymn is also sung during communion (please remain seated)

Anthem: If ye love me - Wilby

HYMN 383 – Lord thy word abideth

***Lord, thy Word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.***

***When our foes are near us,
then thy Word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
message of salvation.***

***When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.***

Who can tell the pleasure,

***who recount the treasure,
by thy Word imparted
to the simple-hearted?
Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying!***

***O that we, discerning,
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!***

HENRY WILLIAMS BAKER (1821-1877)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by a minister and found on the weekly pew sheet

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast
on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**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.

HYMN 766 - Praise my soul, the King of heaven

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia
Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia
Glorious in his faithfulness.*

*Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia
Widely yet his mercy flows.*

*Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise the high eternal One.*

*Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Praise with us the God of grace.*

THE BLESSING

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

THE DISMISSAL

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

