

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2020

GATHERING

Introit Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King.
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart...

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart...

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart...

Charles Wesley (1701-1788)

Greeting

✠ 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.

The priest introduces the service

Prayers of Penitence

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.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's
commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**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.**

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

Gloria in Excelsis

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

Let us pray:

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95 (1-7)



1. O come let us / sing unto the / Lord:
let us heartily rejoice in the / strength of / our sal / vation.
2. Let us come before his / presence with / thanksgiving:
and show ourselves / glad in / him with / psalms.
3. For the Lord is a / great / God:
and a great / King above / all / gods.
4. In his hand are all the / corners of the / earth:
and the strength of the / hills is / his / also.
5. The sea is his and / he / made it:
and his hands pre / pared the / dry / land.
6. O come let us worship and / fall / down:
and kneel be / fore the / Lord our / Maker.
7. For he is the / Lord our / God: and we are the people of his pasture and the / sheep
of / his / hand.

Second Reading *Ephesians 1:15-23*

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 25:31-46*

The Lord be with you

And also with you

✠✠✠Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Sermon The Revd Peter King

Creed

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

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.

Intercessions

The following responses are used:

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please exchange a sign of peace if you are able

Offertory 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:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus! There is room in my heart for thee.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming thy royal degree;
But of lowly birth cam'st thou, Lord, on earth,
And in great humility:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus! There is room in my heart for thee.

The foxes found rest, and the birds their nest,
In the shade of the cedar tree;
But the earth was the bed for thy weary head,
In the deserts of Galilee:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus! There is room in my heart for thee.

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:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus! Thy cross is my only plea.

When heaven's arches ring, and her choirs shall 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!'
And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
When thou comest and callest for me.

Emily E S Elliott (1836-1897)

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, to be our great high priest and king of all creation. As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace. As king he claims dominion over all your creatures, that he may bring before your infinite majesty a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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. 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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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

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.**

Agnus Dei

**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.**

Communion

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.**

Anthem Create in me a clean heart *Freylinghausen*

Post-Communion Prayer

In thanksgiving for the gifts of God we pray:

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. **Amen.**

**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.**

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Hymn

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!

George Herbert (1593–1633)

Notices

Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you

God bring you to the home that Christ prepares for all who love him. **Amen.**
God give you the will to live each day in life eternal. **Amen.**
God grant you the citizenship of heaven,
with the whole company of the redeemed. **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.