

Holy Communion

Christ the King

The Sunday before Advent

22nd November 2020



**The United Benefice of
St John's Golcar and St Mark's, Longwood**

Welcome

The service begins with the **Introit Hymn**

sung by St Martin's Voices

1 All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
*O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

2 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light:
Chorus

3 Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia.
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;
Chorus

William Henry Draper (1855-1933)

based on Laudato sii, O me signore St Francis of Assisi's Cantic of the Sun

The Gathering

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

All **Amen.**

The president greets the people with the words:

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Words of welcome

**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

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil distortions and hatreds.
Its seeking of power and position at the expense of others.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for all his children.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

God our Father forgive you your sins,
and bring you to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.

All Amen.

We sing the Gloria:

**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 the God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God, in the highest.**

The Collect,

Let us pray

After a period of silence the Collect is said:

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.

All Amen.

The Bible Readings

For 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.

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

All Alleluia.

Luke 19.38

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

‘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.’

Matthew 25.31-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**



cf Philippians 2.6-11

The Prayers of Intercession

The response:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

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

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Offertory Hymn

sung by St Martin's Voices

- 1 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.***

2 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, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

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

Chorus.

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:

Chorus.

5 Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and John Taylor (1750-1826)

The president takes the bread and wine and says

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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 their unending hymn of praise:

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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.



So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin, St John, St Mark and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**



Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom

All **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.**

The president breaks the consecrated bread saying:

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.**



The president holds up the broken bread and wine and says:

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

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

The Body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

The president receives Holy Communion on behalf of all the people at home.

Those at home might wish to hold out their hands and say:

Lord Jesus Christ, King and Saviour,

you endlessly give yourself to us.

By the power of the Holy Spirit

Help us to receive your eternal life and the promise of your kingdom,

that we might live, surrounded by the angels and saints,

to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Communion Hymn, *Angus Dei*, Sung by St Martin's Voices

**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.**



After Communion

Let us pray

After a period of silence ...

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 Amen.

**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

The Blessing

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

The Dismissal

go in the peace of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

The Final Hymn

sung by St Martin's Voices

**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** 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.
- 3** 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.
- 4** 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)

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