



Welcome

The Feast of Christ the King

23 November



actorschurch



St. Paul's Covent Garden

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Lo, he comes with clouds
descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.**

**2 Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold
him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.**

**3 Those dear tokens of his Passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**4 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
alleluia!
thou shalt reign, and thou alone.**

The Priest goes to the Lectern and says:

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

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

*The Priest introduces the service and then leads
the congregation in prayer:*

**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.**

*The Priest invites the congregation to seek God's
mercy and grace. We say together:*

**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.**

*The Priest announces the **Absolution** to which
all reply: **Amen**. The **Gloria** is sung from the
separate music sheet.*

*The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is sung.*

**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.**

*We sit for the **first** and **second readings**.*

First Reading

Jeremiah 23.1-6, read by Margaret

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore 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. ³Then 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. ⁴I 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.

⁵The 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. ⁶In 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:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 1.11-20, read by Arabella

Brothers and sisters: ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, ¹²while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the

kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for 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. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He 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. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and 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:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn towards the Gospel book*

**Thy kingdom come, O God,
thy rule, O Christ, begin;
break with thine iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.**

**2 Where is thy reign of peace
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
as in the realms above?**

**3 When comes the promised time
that war shall be no more,
and lust, oppression, crime
shall flee thy face before?**

**4 We pray thee, Lord, arise,
and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes,
which languish for thy sight.**

**5 O'er lands both near and far
thick darkness broodeth yet:
arise, O morning star,
arise, and never set!**

*All remain standing as the **Gospel** is read*

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
Luke (23, 33-43)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

33When 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. 34Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35And 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!' 36The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' 38There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' 39One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' 40But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' 42Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 43Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the **Sermon***

*We stand to say the **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 of 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 **Prayers of Intercession** follow*

At the end:

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

*The Priest introduces the **Peace**:*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with
 you always
All **And also with you**
Priest Let us offer one another a
 sign of peace.

*We sing a **hymn** as the Altar is prepared for the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A **collection** is taken during the **hymn**, but you can also give by 'tapper' at the back of church.*

**Lord The Light Of Your Love Is
Shining,
In The Midst Of The Darkness
Shining,
Jesus Light Of The World Shine
Upon Us,
Set Us Free By The Truth You Now
Bring Us,
Shine On Me. Shine On Me.**

**Shine, Jesus, Shine,
Fill This Land With
The Father's Glory;
Blaze, Spirit, Blaze,
Set Our Hearts On Fire.**

**Flow, River, Flow,
Flood The Nations
With Grace And Mercy;
Send Forth Your Word,
Lord, And Let There Be Light.**

**2 Lord I Come To Your Awesome
Presence,
From The Shadows Into Your
Radiance,
By The Blood I May Enter Your
Brightness,
Search Me, Try Me, Consume All My
Darkness,
Shine On Me. Shine On Me.
Shine, Jesus, Shine, etc**

**3 As We Gaze On Your Kindly
Brightness.
So Our Faces Display Your Likeness.
Ever Changing From Glory To Glory,
Mirrored Here May Our Lives Tell
Your Story.
Shine On Me. Shine On Me.
Shine, Jesus, Shine, etc**

Priest Blessed are you Lord God of
 all creation. Through your
 goodness we have this bread
 to offer, which earth has
 given and human hands have
 made. It will become for us
 the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever**
Priest Blessed are you Lord God of
 all creation. Through your
 goodness we have this wine
 to offer. Fruit of the vine and
 work of human hands, it will
 become our spiritual drink.

All **Blessed be God for ever**
Priest Pray my friends that our
 sacrifice may be acceptable to
 God the Almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the
sacrifice at your hand, for
the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and
the good of all his Church.**

*The Priest adds the prayer over the gifts to which
we reply **Amen***

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

All **It is right to give thanks
and praise...**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until we sing
Sanctus and **Benedictus** from **the separate
music sheet***

*The **Eucharistic Prayer** continues until...*

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith

All: **Christ has died**

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until

Priest ...for ever and ever

All: **Amen**

**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**

Priest 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 **Agnus Dei** is sung from **the separate
music sheet***

Priest 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 congregation approaches the Altar to receive
Communion.*

*All those who are in good standing with their
own Church are invited to receive Communion.*

*Those who prefer to ask for a Blessing are
invited to bow their heads at the Altar or bring
this booklet as a sign to the Priest.*

*We remain seated to sing the **hymn***

**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.**

**2 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.**

**3 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.**

Post Communion Prayers:

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.**

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.**

*Any Banns of marriage and notices are given.
and then the Priest says:*

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

*The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen**
We sing the **hymn** and turn to face the West
End for the **dismissal***

**1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
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:
Yours the glory...**

**3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill -
treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
Yours the glory...**

**4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory...**

**5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
Yours the glory...**

Priest. Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord
All Thanks be to God

‘What’s On’ this week

Today

5pm Muso Mum’s Concert **

Monday 24 November

10am Drop in Art Group – *all welcome*

Wednesday 26 November

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

7.30pm City Academy Concert **

Thursday 27 November

1pm Lunchtime concert

6.30pm The Grand Order of Lady Ratlings’ Carol Service

Friday 28 November

1pm Lunchtime Concert

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight

(Tickets available from TodayTix)

Saturday 29 November

6.00pm & 8.00pm Musicals by Candlelight

(Tickets available from TodayTix)

Sunday 30 November

ADVENT SUNDAY

11.00 Sung Eucharist, with the *Blessing of the Advent Wreath and the Lighting of the first Advent Candle.*

4.30pm Italia Conti Christmas Concert

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