Service of Holy Communion



Kingdom Season

Sunday 2nd November 2025 All Saints

Mass Setting:

St. Thomas (D. Thorne)



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.

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, Be thou ever with me and I with thee Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might; be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: Be thou mine inheritance now and always; Be thou, and thou only, the first in my heart; O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art!
- 5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright son, O grant me its joys after victory is won; Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

(Irish 8th century) Translated by MARY ELIZABETH BYRNE (1880-1931) Versified by ELEANOR HENRIETTA HULL (1860-1935)

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.

THE GLORIA

(If you are able, 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 – found on the pew sheet)

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (please sit)

All Age Talk

BIBLE READING

New Testament: Ephesians 1: 11-end Read by Grace

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. 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.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 700 - King of kings

1 King of kings, Majesty
God of Heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne

Your Majesty, I can but bow I lay my all before You now In royal robes I don't deserve I live to serve Your Majesty.

2 Earth and Heaven worship you Love eternal, Faithful and True Who bought the nations, ransomed souls Brought this sinner near to Your throne All within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty, I can but bow I lay my all before You now In royal robes I don't deserve I live to serve Your Majesty I live to serve Your Majesty.

JARROD COOPER

GOSPEL READING Luke 6: 20-31

(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 St Luke. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev Pauline

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 Sue

(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.

NOTICES AND TIME OF SHARING

THE PEACE

(If you would like to, please stand)

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 494 - I, the Lord of sea and sky

(During the hymn the bread & wine are brought forward and the altar is prepared)

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3 I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

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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.

EUCHARISTIC 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).

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.



Anthem Blest are the pure in heart – Walford Davies

1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here; come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3 Be still, for power of the Lord is moving in this place, he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him; be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

DAVID EVANS (b.1957)

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 296 - For all the saints.

1 For all the saints, who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might; thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight; thou, in the darkness still their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, and singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

WILLIAM WALSHAM HOW (1823 - 1897)

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.*