

# St Andrew's, Chesterton

## Holy Communion

22 November 2020  
Christ the King

### ¶ The Gathering

#### Gathering Hymn

- 1 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.
- 2 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)

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#### The 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.**

#### Prayer of Preparation

**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

**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 president declares God's forgiveness*

## **The Collect**

**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.**

## **¶ The Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

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

<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup> I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup> I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> 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.**

## Gradual Hymn

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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

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## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Matthew 25. 31-end*

<sup>31</sup> ‘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. <sup>32</sup> 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, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> 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; <sup>35</sup> 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, <sup>36</sup> 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.” <sup>37</sup> 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? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” <sup>40</sup> 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.” <sup>41</sup> 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; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> 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.” <sup>44</sup> 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?”

<sup>45</sup> 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." <sup>46</sup> 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 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**

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

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

# ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## Offertory Hymn

- 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:
- 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:
- 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:
- 5 So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

Michael Saward (b. 1932)

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## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## The 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.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts and the choir sings*

**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.**

*The prayer continues and may include this acclamation*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The Prayer continues and leads into the Doxology, to which all respond*

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

*We kneel and keep a moment's silence*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

### **Giving of Communion**

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.

**We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs  
under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,**

**that our sinful bodies  
may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed  
through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him  
and he in us.  
Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

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.**

### **Final Hymn**

- 1     Forth in the peace of Christ we go ;  
          Christ to the world with joy we bring ;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
          Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.
- 2     King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us ;  
          kingship with him his servants gain ;  
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
          Christ's world we serve to share Christ's  
          reign.
- 3     Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
          this world of time to consecrate,  
our world of sin by grace to heal,  
          Christ's world in Christ to re-create.
- 4     Prophets of Christ, we hear his word :  
          he claims our minds, to search his ways ;  
he claims our lips, to speak his truth ;  
          he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.
- 5     We are his Church, he makes us one :  
          here is one hearth for all to find ;  
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King ;  
          here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

James Quinn, SJ (1919–2010)

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## **¶ The Dismissal**

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### **Blessing**

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

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