

The Parish Church of St Giles with St Mary's, Pontefract



Christ the King
21st November 2021, 10.15 a.m.

Welcome

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass
for the Feast of Christ the King.

The settings for today's Mass are -
Lourdes and Stainer in F

People of all denominations who are in good standing with their own
church are welcome to come and receive communion.

If you wish to receive a blessing, please come to the altar carrying this
order of service.

Please let clergy or a churchwarden know at the beginning of the
service if you need a gluten-free host.

5 minutes before the service begins,
a bell will ring to signal that a period of quiet reflection is kept
during which you may wish to use this prayer.

**Lord God, your son came to us as a child
Yet lives and reigns in heaven as king.
Through his example,
and with the aid of his Spirit,
help us to know the power and promise of our own vulnerability
And the true origins of our strength and talents,
In Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(M J Kramer, *The Canterbury Book of New Parish Prayers* 2020, p.35)

A bell is rung to begin our worship.

Cover photograph: a gigantic statue of Christ the King in Świebodzin, Poland.

The statue was completed on 6 November 2010.

It weighs 440 tonnes and is 33 metres (108 ft) tall; the crown is 3 metres (9.8 ft) high.

From the base of its mound, it reaches 52.5 metres (172 ft) overall.

The project was conceived and led by Sylwester Zawadzki, a retired Polish priest.

The Gathering

Hymn (334)

Psalm 100

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
come ye before Him and rejoice.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

William Kethe (1520-1594)

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

Amen.

The Greeting

The president greets the people

**The Lord be with you
and also with you.**

Acclamation

When Christ had made purification for sins,
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
having become as much superior to angels
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Hebrews 1.3-4

Invitation to confession

My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Prayer of Penitence

The kingdom is yours,
but we turn away from your just rule:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and
strength:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory of God:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The president says

May the Father of all mercies
✠ cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Gloria in Excelsis (Lourdes)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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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.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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.

Amen.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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The Collect for the Feast of Christ the King

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Revelation 1.4b-8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the
earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made
us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and
dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was
and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia

Gospel Reading

John 18.33-37

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

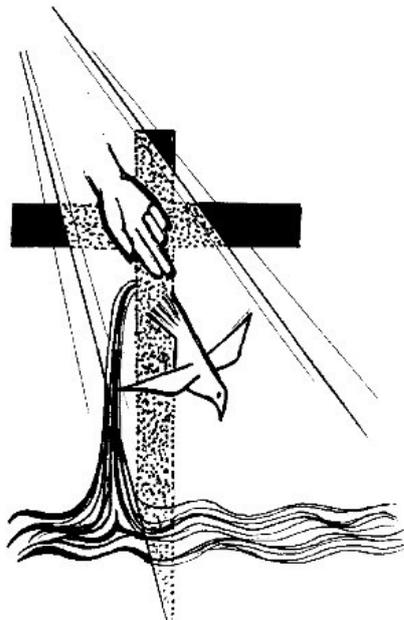
Glory to you, O Lord.

Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

We come boldly to the throne of grace,
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit for mercy and grace.

After each prayer: Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.



Today we pray for Casper Christopher Jepson and his family on the occasion
of his celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:

Cynthia; Rebecca; Steph; Dawn; Jonathan; Christine; Brenda; Dianne; Steven;
Dave; Terry, Ian; Morag; Ali; Barbara; Mike; Jean; Fr Mark; Janis Gallagher; Lucy
Nichol; Janet Hickling; Tracy Birkitt; Rhys Williams; Pat Steel; Maureen Steane;
Anita Murray; David Murray; Andrew & Jenny Priest; Denzil & David.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

Eric Tonks; Gordon Leng Johnson; Dorothy Sessford; John Roger Sessford.

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

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.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Altar

Offetory Hymn (134)

**The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the Mighty Victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords
is His, is His by right:
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light.**

**The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom He manifests His love
and grants His name to know:**

**To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given;
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.**

**They suffer with their Lord below;
they reign with Him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of His love.**

The cross He bore is life and health,

**though shame and death to Him;
His people's hope, His people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.**

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the
heavenly realms.

May we feed upon the bread of God

Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters
that this my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

Let us pray.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,

he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Our Lady, Giles and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
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

Christ is our great high priest and king of all creation, yet he taught us to call God our Father and to pray in his own words:

**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

The president breaks the consecrated 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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The president and people receive communion.

The body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**

Hymn (282)

*Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
where Thy steps are seen.*

*Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with Thee beside me,
I shall never stray.*

*Daily bring me nearer
to the heavenly shore;
may my faith grow clearer,
may I love Thee more.*

*Hallow every pleasure,
every gift and pain;
be Thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.*

*Day by day prepare me
as Thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
to Thy promised rest.*

Thomas B Pollock (1836-1896)

Choir Anthem

How shall I sing that majesty - Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us 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.**

Notices are given

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.
Amen.

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.
Amen.

and the blessing ...
Amen.

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



Hymn (443)

**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! ...

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The clergy and depart.

Organ Voluntary

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John Roger Sessford 24th February 1918 - 17th November 1999

and

Dorothy Sessford 19th June 1924 - 26th November 2015

Missed every day.

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- We hope that people will continue to wear masks whilst entering, leaving or moving around the church building, especially when larger numbers are present.
- For services, if you would like seat spaces left between you and the next person, please take a card(s) from reception to place on the seats beside you. Strict socially distanced seating will be retained in the balcony.
- Wearing of masks throughout the services and whilst seated is still advised as covid numbers increase in our area, but we do expect the wearing of masks for the singing of hymns and when moving around to receive communion. The congregational singing of the offertory hymn is to be reinstated on All Saints Day (31st October).
- The physical sharing of the peace with family seated alongside you is fine.
- We will continue to retain only taking communion in one kind.
- The collection will remain as a basket/plate placed near the north door.
- Church groups to make their own decisions on the necessity of masks whilst the group is meeting.
- When seated in the café, masks are not required.
- Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available and their use encouraged. We will continue following a one-way system for communion and moving around church. Doors will continue to be left open to improve ventilation. Please wrap up if you are near to an exit.

Please note that it has proved very difficult to get all guests to continue with the wearing of masks for funerals and baptisms. Each family is however responsible for informing their guests about the continued government advice that masks are worn when part of larger groups. This continues to be wise advice as we enter the winter season. It is also possible that the government will reinstate the wearing of masks if numbers continue to rise.