



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 21st November 2021

Christ the King

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Welcome to worship today—it is great to have you with us. We hope that you will feel welcome. If you are new, please do say hello—we would love to get to know you. If you are unsure where to find something, or about what is going on, please do ask and we will be happy to help. Our worship style is quite formal- but we hope relaxed-as we come to worship God in our midst. Please do join us for coffee after the service. While Covid restrictions have been reviewed—we would ask, that you please wear a face mask when moving around the church.

Please let us respect the needs of each other at this challenging time.

All the words you need will be on the screens at the front, but service sheets and hymn books are available if you prefer.

The Feast of Christ the King marks the last Sunday of the Church year! It is the last Sunday before Advent, and brings to end the liturgical Kingdom season when we envision what God's Kingdom is. It celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord of the cosmos.

Please stand as the bell is rung as we sing our opening Hymn 14 – All Hail the power of Jesus name



**We meet in the name of God who is (+) Father,
Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The President will introduce the service

The Priest will introduce the confession.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our
sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

After a period of silent reflection we sing together:

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

We are reminded of God's forgiveness.

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.**

We remain standing as we 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. Refrain:**

**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. Refrain:**

**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. Refrain.**

The Collect

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then
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.**

Liturgy of the Word (please sit)

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Many of the Christian depictions of heaven draw inspiration from these verses from the book of Daniel. God is a wise, old but vigorous, male king, enthroned above the host of heaven. He defeats monsters and delegates a regent to rule over all of humanity. That regent now adheres to Jesus as celebrated in the Christian liturgical calendar on the feast of “Christ the King.” The image in Daniel is grounded in political, colonial discourse. It is, in fact, the discourse of empire. The “Ancient One” functions as emperor who has conquered various nations and peoples. It is a difficult image in our modern world. Daniel 7 does not require us to stay stuck in its images of a perfect world. Instead, it is in an invitation. What kind of space would be our metaphor for heaven? What kind of social structure would it have?

A Reading from the Prophet Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand

times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We hear a reading from the New Testament.

Revelation is not a script for the end of the world. The end of the church year is both the reminder of the end of mortal time and the beginning of divine time. It is the end of our waiting to be a community of priests (verse 6) and also the beginning of Jesus's return (verse 7). The one who is and who was and who is to come (verse 8). This last statement is not a statement of finality, of fulfilment through singular kingly power, but a statement that God lives in and among our world, in ways that fill history, that make God present, right now and in ways to come, that we cannot imagine. Time limitations without which we cannot comprehend existence do not exist for this one who is Alpha, Omega, past, present, and future.

A Reading from the Revelation of John 1:4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: 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.

We remain seated as we sing or listen to Hymn 320 How shall I sing that majesty. As the Gospel is processed please stand. This weeks Gospel comes from John 18:33-37

The Gospel

John's trial narrative raises these questions in compelling ways. Although Pilate and the Jewish leaders may appear to be powerful, John presents Jesus as the one who exercises authority. The charge of kingship is the central question of Jesus' trial before Pilate. Jesus never answers Pilate's question, "Are you the king of the Jews?" (John 18:33), in a straightforward way. As in other parts of the Gospel, John communicates some of the most important messages about Jesus' identity by enacting them in the story instead of stating them outright. Here, John uses the trial and crucifixion to display Jesus' kingship and the faithlessness of those who reject him.

The Gospel is announced.

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.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "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.

We sit to listen to the sermon.

We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*We sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this community.
After each bidding we pray*

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

After every group of names we pray

Rest Eternal Grant unto them O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them
May they rest in peace
And rise in glory

At the conclusion of the prayers

Merciful Father,

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

Liturgy of the Sacrament *(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.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We sing our offertory Hymn 150 – Crown him with many crown

We give thanks for God's gifts

Blessed be God,

who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.

May we feed upon the bread of God

and drink the royal wine of heaven.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The preface continues until we sing.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

**+ Blessed is He
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

After the Consecration

Great is the mystery of faith
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again**

At the end we say—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**

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.**

We sing the 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.**

The Elevation

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

Lord (+) I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

All who are baptised are welcome to receive. We currently receive in one kind only. That means we receive the bread only. The Priest receives the wine on our behalf. Once all have received the bread and returned to our seat we consume together with the words

The body of Christ **Amen**

You may also like to light a candle during this time as a symbol of your prayers rising toward God.

Post Communion Prayer

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 and Banns

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, the (+) Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God

We sing our final **hymn 638 – Rejoice the Lord is King**

You are invited to join us for refreshments downstairs.

Notices



Advent Procession at our Cathedral

St Paul's Cathedral have been in touch to say that they are able to once again offer their Advent program! Therefore our Annual Parish Pilgrimage for St Pauls for the Advent Procession will take place on Saturday 27 November at 5.30 pm. We will need to be seated no later than 5pm; and you may want to be in the queue before that! We need to let the Cathedral know by 19th November, so please do sign-up as soon as possible.

Tea and Chat Invitations

Tea and chat meets each Friday afternoon between 2pm—4pm. It is a chance, often for those who live alone, to have a safe space to come and sit and chat; and enjoy some treats. If you know someone who might like to come; why not invite them—or let Mo C know.

Coming to Church

It would be helpful if you could bring your own cup/mug. Please wear a mask. Please 'wrap up' as windows will be open!

Laurence's Larder

You can still leave your donations, tinned fish or any non perishable food in the basket at the top of the stairs. You can see updates on this work at www.laurenceslarder.org.uk

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. In October we raised £1950. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!



Advent, like Lent, is a time for personal and corporate reflection on how we live our faith. In the case of Advent we are in a season of waiting. Advent waiting is not however simply about the birth of Jesus. Our Advent season waiting is also thinking ahead to Christ's future coming.

So the season is sombre, in purple and with fasting and repentance—a reminder that as Jesus came to us once, so just as surely will come again. Advent begins this year on **Sunday 28th November**. Please see the resources to support our devotion at the back of church today!

Opportunities During Advent 2021



At St Anne's we have a giving tree on the first floor landing of the church. It is a symbolic place to be charitable during Advent and Christmas.

Four ways to give under the tree this Christmas:

- 1. Laurence's Larder.**
Donations of non perishable items or cash.
- 2. Gift Box for St Mungo's**
Fill a shoe box with items that would be useful for a homeless man. Warm socks, hats, gloves, toiletries, tea bags, cup of soups. Wrap the box, or in a gift bag and place under the tree.
- 3. Gift to St Anne's for its ministry**
This Christmas you are invited to give a gift to St Anne's to help us continue our work in this place. We invite you to simply place your gift to St Anne's in the envelope provided, and place it in the basket under our Christmas tree.
- 4. Vouchers for those in need**
Supermarket vouchers means we can give the ability to those in need to buy what they need. Vouchers of £5 or £10 are the most useful. And it would be helpful if they were for a Supermarket in the local area (including Kilburn). These can be they shared throughout the coming year.

Advent Reflection followed by Mass

On **Monday 29th November; 5th and 20th December at 6pm** there will be an Advent reflection in the Chapel concluding with a Said Mass. This year we will be exploring 'Music of Eternity' using some of the resources from the 2021 Archbishop of York's Advent book. Each session will be stand alone, so you can join for one or for all three Monday's. Each session will conclude with Mass.

Carols by Candlelight

with Queen's Park Singers—Sunday 19th December at 4pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies!

Wreath Making

This annual creative workshop will take place on **Saturday 11th December -10am until 1pm**. Come at 10am to make you own Christmas wreath or table centre piece. All materials will be provided but participants will be asked to buy their wreath.

Welcome Advent Party

5pm -7pm in the Rotunda on **Friday 3rd December**. A chance for some drinks and nibbles to welcome in the season! £5 donation for entry and Donation for drinks please. Why not invite your friends to come and mark the start of the season.

Mo Christine Annual Leave

Mother Christine will be on Annual leave from lunchtime on 21st November for one week. There will be no 5pm Service today, or weekday services until Sunday 28th November.



For our prayers— Piers, Gill, Neale, Michael, Joyce, Jackie, Mavis, Hada, June, Ruth, Michael, Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Fr Robert, Jean, Isobel, Peter, Pearl, Rute, Ron, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died recently including Pat Dunn and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Lois Romain.

Services during the week 21st November 2021

No weekday services this week.

Friday 26th 9.30am My Moves Playgroup

2pm No Tea and Chat today

Saturday 27th 5.30pm—Advent Procession at St Paul's

Sunday 28th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Advent 1 9.30am Sung Mass followed by Act of Remembrance

5pm—Zoom Service of the Day

Thought for the Day on Facebook at some point.

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