

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**Christ the King**

**The Sunday next before Advent**

**26th November 2017**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 165 ‘Christ is the King!’

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

All: 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.

Priest: 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.

After a period for silent reflection:

All: O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory, holy is your name, Lord God almighty. In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away, and to cleanse our lips to speak your word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord

***(sing)* God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. 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.**

**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. **Amen**

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel**  *(Ezek 34. 11–16, 20–24)*

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 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. 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. 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. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 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. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 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.

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All those who gladly serve him and obey.

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and will declare them free from guilt and shame.

Who is the victor glorious from the fight?

He is our King, our life, our Lord, our right!

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians** *(Eph 1. 15–23)*

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual hymn:** *(please stand)*  490 ‘Jesus shall reign where’er the sun’

##### THE GOSPEL

Priest: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*(Mt 25. 31–46)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘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. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 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; 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, 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.” 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” 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.” 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; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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.” 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?” 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.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

the sermon

*We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:*

Priest: We believe in one God,

**All: 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.

The Intercession *(please kneel)*

Priest: Let us with confidence present our prayers and supplications to the throne of grace.

The prayers are led by a member of the congregation. Each section ends:

Intercessor: May your [reign / kingdom / dominion / rule / reign / healing] come

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

* **those who are ill:** (4) Su Williams, Eleanor Moran, Carol Latimer, Kerrie Hadland, Vera Wood, Minnie Norman, (3) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, (2) Mary Lowe, Jenson Wright, Barbara Cook, Val Carter, Bill Lowson(1)Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eric Tickle, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington
* **those who have died:**  Glenys Quigley
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Monday:*** Ernest Hinton, George Hughes

***Tuesday:*** Edward Shelley, Mary Thompson, Madge Craven

***Wednesday:*** Olga Davies ***Friday:*** Fred Hoddy

***Saturday:*** George Litherland, Barry Ravey

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

**The Peace**   *(please stand)*

Priest:Peace is the treasure we find when we live in the light of Christ's truth. It is a gift of the kingdom. Let us offer to each other this gift.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.

**Offertory Hymn:**  380 omit v. 4 and 6 ‘At the name of Jesus’

Eucharistic Prayer E *(please kneel)*

Priest: The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

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.

Priest: 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:

All: 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.

Priest: We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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 if sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All *(sing)*: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Priest: Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Saint Andrew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Priest: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All: 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.**

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

*(sing)* 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.

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.**

Holy Communion is administered at the front of Church. Everyone is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion at this Eucharist. Those who prefer to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward at the same time.

During the distribution of the Sacrament, the following hymns are sung:

**Hymn**432 ‘From heaven you came, helpless babe’

163 ‘All hail the power of Jesus’ name’

**After Communion:**

Priest: 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**

All: 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.

Priest:Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may 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**

**Recessional Hymn:** 398 ‘Christ triumphant, ever reigning...’

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Services and Notices for the coming week:**

Tues 28th: 11.30am Funeral of Barbara Lee

3.00pm Messy Church – in school. Helpers PLEASE

7.00pm Parish Office and Christmas Choir Practice

Wed 29th: 7.00pm Eucharist

Thurs 30th: 9.15am St Andrew’s Day School Service – all welcome

10.30am Eucharist

8.00pm Thursday Ladies' Club meet in the vicarage

Fri 1st: 10.30am Church Growth Committee meeting in school

**Next Sunday Patronal Festival / The First Sunday of Advent**

**(3rd Dec) 10.00am Sung Eucharist jointly with School**

**12 noon Holy Baptism**

**Tea and Coffee** after the service – please join us

**St Andrew’s Day** – **our Patronal Festival** – will take place next Sunday followed by light refreshments. Do try to join us for this special occasion. Offers of help to Jenny please.

**Next week on Thursday morning (30th),** our school will be in church at 9.15 to celebrate St Andrew’s Day and would appreciate your support. It lasts about half an hour and is well done. See you there.

**Christ the King 26th November 2017**

Priest: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

(All kneel)

Leader: We pray for all in positions of power,

that they may govern with wisdom and integrity,

serving the needs of their people.

May your reign come:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the Church, the sign of your reign,

that it may extend your welcome to people of

every race and background.

May your kingdom come:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for Christians of every denomination,

that together we may come to understand

the royal priesthood you bestowed on us in baptism.

May your dominion come:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those whose commitment to truth

brings them into conflict with earthly powers,

that they may have the courage to endure.

May your rule come:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for this community of faith,

that attentive to your word

we may always worship in spirit and in truth

May your reign come:

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Leader: We pray for all in need,

for those who hunger or have no home,

for the people fleeing warfare and persecution;

and those affected by terrorism, especially this week in Egypt;

We pray for those who are ill, including

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May your healing come:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who now share in your eternal kingdom,

including Glenys Quigley who died recently,

and Ernest Hinton, George Hughes and Madge Craven

whose anniversaries fall at this time

May your glory shine:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God,

you have taught us that the power of the heart

is greater that the power of wealth and might.

Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our King;

to him be glory and power for ever.

**All Amen.**

*[Times and Seasons p.588]*

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