

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**Christ the King**

**The Sunday next before Advent**

**24th November 2019**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 502 ‘Light’s abode, celestial Salem’

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: 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.

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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest*** *(twice)*

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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest*** *(twice)*

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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest*** *(twice)*

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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest*** *(twice)* **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 Jeremiah** *(Jer 23. 1–6)*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(remain seated)* ‘Fling wide the gates’

*Fling wide the gates, unbar the ancient doors;*

*salute your King in his triumphant cause!*

Now all the world belongs to Christ our Lord:

let all creation greet the living Word!

Who has the right to worship him today?

All those who gladly serve him and obey.

He comes to save all those who trust his name,

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 Colossians** *(Col 1. 11–20)*

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke *(Lk 23 .33–43)*

All 🎜 Glory to you. O Lord

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ Jesus replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All 🎜 Praise to you, O Christ

##### The sermon

*We stand to affirm our faith in the worlds 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 sit or kneel)*

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

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) Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eileen Whitehead (3) Vera Wood, Jim Sutcliffe, Ann Carmen (2) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Joyce Hetherington (1) John Hall, Pauline Smith, Callum Foy
* **any who have died**: Michael Mairs
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Tuesday:*** Alanna Bennett ***Wednesday:*** Ernest Hinton

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

***Friday:*** Olga Davies

*After the final petition:*

Intercessor: Merciful Father, **accept these prayers**

for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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

Priest: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.

All: And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.

**Offertory Hymn:**  466 ‘How shall I sing that majesty’

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; Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, 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 🎜 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.

All 🎜 Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

Priest: Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, 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, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy.** *(twice)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace, 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:**

*After a period for silent prayer:*

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

Services and Notices for the coming week:

Tues 26th: 7.00pm Parish Office and Christmas Choir Practice

8.00pm Meeting of Parish Visitors at the vicarage

Wed 27th 7.00pm Eucharist

Thurs 28th 10.30am Eucharist with Year 4 children present

8.00pm Thursday Ladies' Club meet at the vicarage

Fri 29th: 9.15am St Andrew’s Day service led by Y2 and Y5. All welcome.

**Next Sunday Patronal Feast of St Andrew / Advent Sunday**

**(1st Dec) 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

**Tea and Coffee:** will be served after this morning’s service. Do please join us.

**St Andrew’s Day:** We will celebrate our Patronal Festival next Sunday (1st December) at 10.00am. We will be joined by children from school, together with their families. Please do make a special effort to join us that Sunday – it would be really good to have everyone in church on this special occasion.

**Christingle Service:** advance notice for Thursday 5th December at 6.00pm

##### Christ the King 24th November 2019

**A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah**

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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:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

We pray for those who are ill, including

Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eileen Whitehead, Vera Wood, Jim Sutcliffe, Ann Carmen, Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Joyce Hetherington, John Hall, Pauline Smith and Callum Foy

May your healing come:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

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

including Michael Mairs who died recently,

and Alanna Bennett, Ernest Hinton, Madge Craven and Olga Davies 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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