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Sunday 20th November 2022 — 10.30 a.m. All Age Eucharist

CHRIST THE KING

Celebrant: The Rector

Readings: HTKidz

Sidespeople: Carol Kendall & Fiona Macleod

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Johannes Brahms: Herzlich thut mich erfreuen op.122,4

Opening Chant (*please stand as the servers & clergy enter*)

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Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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 and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children, there is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. *Silence*

God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria: *Peruvian Gloria* (*please stand*)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!
To God be glory forever. To God be glory forever.
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father!
To God be glory forever. To God be glory forever.
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
To God be glory forever. To God be glory forever.
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 23.1-6 (*please sit*)

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. 2 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. 3 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. 4 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. 5 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. 6 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.'

Gradual Hymn (*please stand*)

1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

This is our God, The Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to The Servant King.

2 There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

3 Come, see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

4 So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

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Gospel Acclamation (*please stand*)

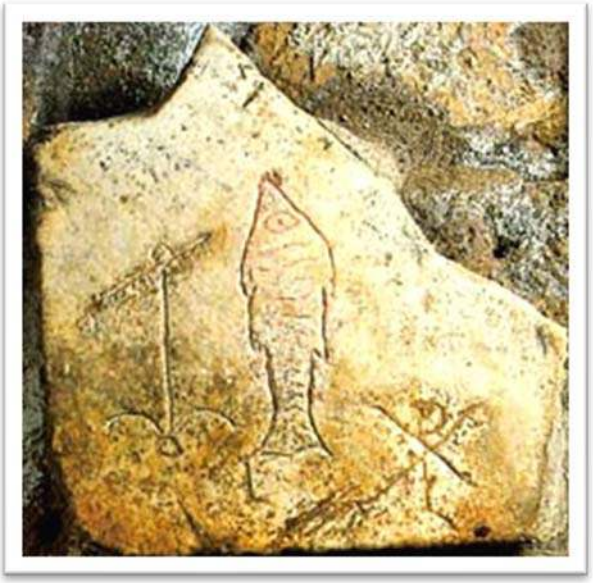
Gospel: Luke 23.33-43 (*please stand*) *When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

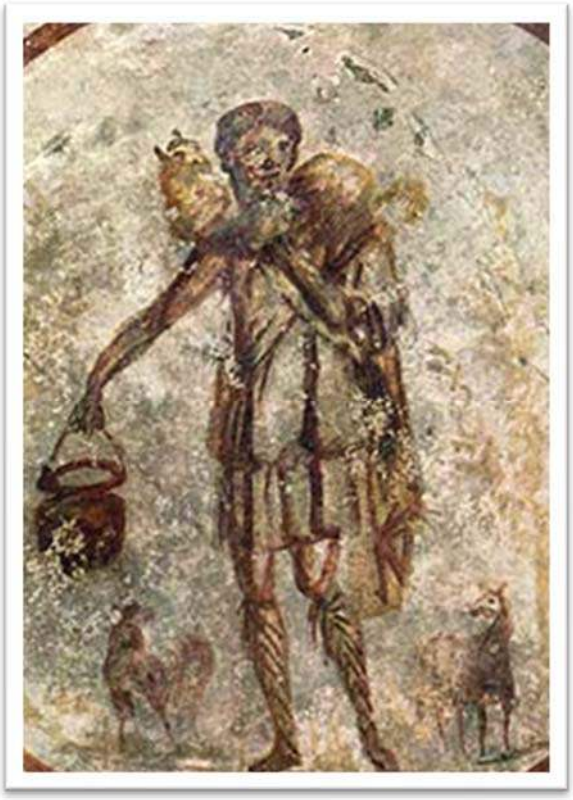
When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his
right and one on his left. [[34 Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are
doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed
at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' 36 The
soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37 and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews,
save yourself!' 38 There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' 39 One of the criminals
who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' 40 But
the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of
condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our

deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' [42] Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into[a] your kingdom.' [43] He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Give thanks to the Lord for this glorious Gospel. **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Talk: The Rector





Creed (*please stand*)

Do you believe in God the Father, who made the world?

I believe in God the Father.

Do you believe in God the Son, who redeemed humanity?

I believe in God the Son.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to God's people?

I believe in God the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Intercessions led by HTKidz (*please sit*)

The Peace (*please stand*) We meet in Christ's name. **Let us share his peace.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn (*please stand*)

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us
to claim you as our king?
What royal face have your revealed
whose praise the church would sing?

2 You came, the image of our God,
to heal and to forgive,
to shed your blood for sinners' sake
that we might rise and live.

3 Though some would make their greatness felt
and lord it over all,
you said the first must be the last
and service be our call.

4 You chose a humble human form
and shunned the world's renown;
you died for us upon a cross
with thorns your only crown.

5 But still, beyond the span of years,
our glad hosannas ring,
for now at God's right hand you reign,
a different kind of king!

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Offertory Prayer (*please stand*)

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

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 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 our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. You made us, all the people of the world, and everything that is. You give us the daylight. Your Word lights up our minds. Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness. Your Spirit lives in us so that we can look at the world with your eyes. One day we will be with you in heaven, but already we laugh with the saints and angels, and sing their joyful song:

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. (*please sit*)

Father, you never forget us or turn away from us, even when we fail you. You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us. He healed those who were sick, cared for those who were poor, and cried with those who were sad. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive. For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

So, as we do what he told us,
we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died and rose again
to live now in us.
Together with him we offer you these gifts:
in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, and that, sharing your life, we may travel in your company to our journey's end. With all your people we give you thanks and praise through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

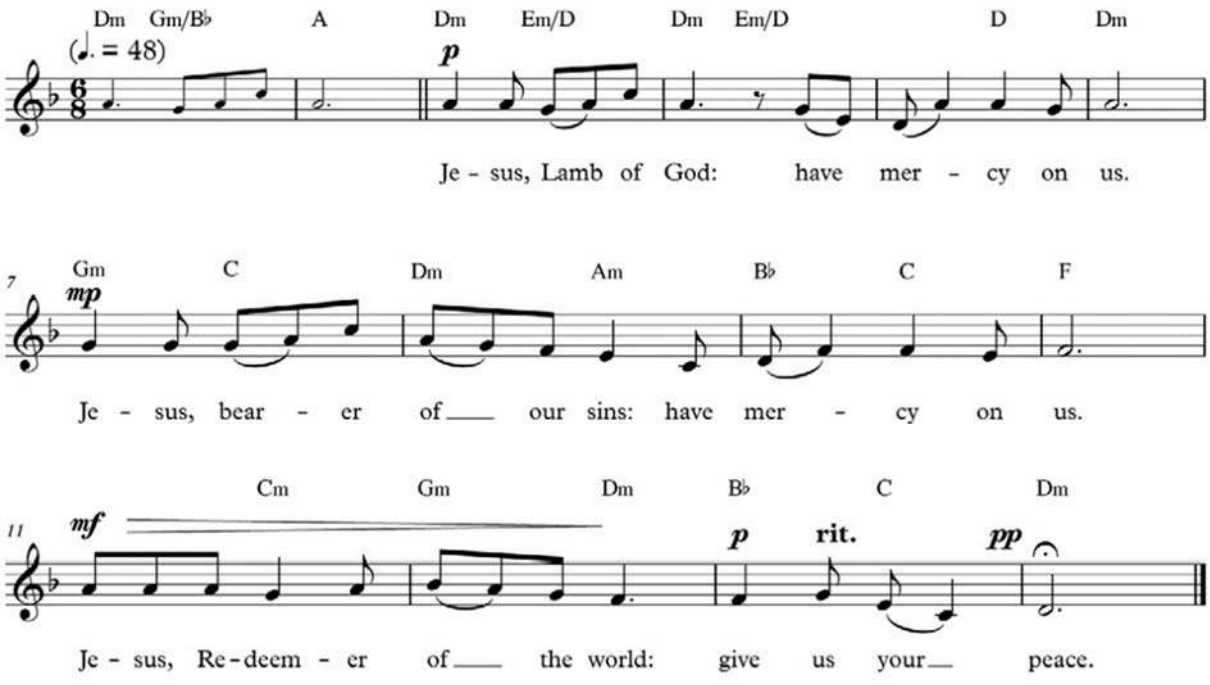
The Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world. Lord, unite us in this sign.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei



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Communion *is administered at the bottom of the chancel steps. Hand sanitiser is provided.*

(In the following song, the words "those who" are each sung to two notes.)

1 The love of God comes close
where stands an open door
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor:
the love of God is here to stay,
embracing thöse whö walk his way.

2 The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing loves of ease
to ease the lives forlorn:
the peace of God is here to stay,
embracing thöse whö walk his way.

3 The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears:
the joy of God is here to stay,
embracing thöse whö walk his way.

4 The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised or bent:
the grace of God is here to stay,
embracing thöse whö walk his way.

5 The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared, as when he came:
the Son of God is here to stay,
embracing thöse whö walk God's way.

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Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn (*please stand*)

We will walk with God, my brothers,
we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, my sisters,
we will walk with God.
We will go rejoicing
till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing
till the kingdom has come.

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude René Vierne: Petit Carillon

NOTICES

Monday 21st November
10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**

Thursday 24th November
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Sunday 27th November
ADVENT 1
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**
6.30 p.m. **Advent Carol Service**

Readings
Isaiah 2.1-5; Romans 13.11-14;
Matthew 24.36-44

Advent Study Groups 2022: Mary & the Magnificat
This year, we'll be focussing on Mary (and see what the Bible tells us about her) and study Mary's Song found in Luke's Gospel, which has been very influential on Christian theology, art and music. Two groups will run for 3 weeks in December: Wednesday mornings at 10.30 a.m. (7th, 14th & 21st December) and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. (8th, 15th & 22nd December). Sign-up sheets at the back of church.