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Holy Communion  
(Sunday before Advent, Christ the King)  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

**THE GREETING**

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

**WELCOME & NOTICES**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Song:** Jesus is greater than the greatest heroes (Source 282)

Jesus is greater than the greatest heroes,  
Jesus is closer than the closest friends.  
He came from heaven and he died to save us,  
to show us love that never ends.  
(Repeat)

Son of God, and the Lord of glory,  
he's the light, follow in his way.  
He's the truth that we can believe in,  
and he's the life, he's living today.  
(Repeat)

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## CHILDREN'S TALK

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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.

### PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

St Paul says  
'Be imitators of God;  
love as Christ loved;  
do not grieve the Holy Spirit;  
put away all anger and bitterness,  
all slander and malice.'

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people:  
come among us and save us.  
We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others  
and have not gone to their aid;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty  
and failed to strive for justice;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ,  
but have failed to share it with others;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart,  
nor our neighbours as ourselves;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.  
**Amen.**

# READINGS

## **First Reading:** Revelation 1.4b-8

<sup>4</sup> Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits <sup>5</sup> before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

<sup>6</sup> To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "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 Reading:** John 18.33-37

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

<sup>34</sup> "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

<sup>35</sup> "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

<sup>37</sup> "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**Song:** Light of the world (Rownhams Praise 66)

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

*So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God;  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross. *(Repeat)*

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## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*These responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

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

## THE PEACE (STAND)

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the triune God be always with you  
**and also with you.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And always with you.**

Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

**HYMN:** Jesus Christ I think upon your sacrifice (Source 274)

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice;  
you became nothing, poured out to death.  
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life,  
and I'm in that place once again,  
I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon  
the cross where you died.  
I'm humbled by your mercy  
and I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank you,  
once again I pour out my life.*

Now you are exalted to the highest place,  
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.  
But for now I marvel at this saving grace,  
and I'm full of praise once again,  
I'm full of praise once again.

Thank you for the cross, thank you for the cross,  
thank you for the cross, my friend. (*Repeat*)

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## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and 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.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

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 for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be  
to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (KNEEL/SIT)**

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE 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.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
Eat in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*The bread and wine are shared.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (KNEEL/SIT)**

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.

**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.**

# THE DISMISSAL

**Song:** Crown him with many crowns (Source 77)

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high;  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends each burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose pow'r a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercèd feet  
fair flow'rs of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Coffee/chat via zoom in ten minutes time – do join us if you can.**

## Giving

A big thank you to those who are already giving regularly. We are very grateful. We would like to highlight the Parish Giving Scheme: ([www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk), or 0333 002 1271). You will need the PCC's PGS Code: 416012141 (The Parish of Nursling with Rownhams in the Diocese of Winchester).

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