

**Christ the King  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Parish Eucharist  
Thorne – Mass of St Thomas**

**Processional Hymn**

**Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark! how the heavenly 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 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 his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
Glossed in a sea of light,  
where everlasting waves  
reflect his throne - the Infinite!  
who lives - and loves - and saves.**

**Introduction**

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

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

*The congregation sits and the president introduces the theme of the service.*

## 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

*introduced by the Deacon.*

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.

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

## Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

## Gloria

*please stand*

*The children gather at the Chancel steps as we all sing:*

**Refrain: 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**

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**

**The Reading      *Revelations 1. 4b-8***

## **Gradual Hymn**

**Rejoice! the Lord is King.  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

## **Gospel Reading      John 18. 33-37**

*We all stand and turn to face the Deacon as they prepare to read the Gospel.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*A sentence from scripture is sung and then we respond singing:*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*please sit*

## **Prayers of Intercession      please sit**

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*or:*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*At the end:*

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**

*The children return and gather at the Chancel steps.*

To crown all things there must be love, to bind 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.**

*The children invite us to share a sign of peace:*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Offertory Hymn

*A collection plate will be passed around if you would like to leave a cash donation. Alternatively, please use our contactless card reader in the entrance lobby.*

**Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown,  
when thou camest to earth for me;  
but in Bethlehem's home there was found no room  
for thy holy nativity:**

**Refrain:**                    ***O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
there is room in my heart for thee.***

**Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,  
proclaiming thy royal degree;  
but in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,  
and in great humility:  
*Refrain***

**Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word  
that should set thy people free;  
but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn  
they bore thee to Calvary:  
*Refrain***

**When all heaven shall ring, and her choirs shall sing,  
at thy coming to victory,  
let thy voice call me home, saying, Yet there is room,  
there is room at my side for thee:  
*Refrain***

*The president takes the bread and wine and says:*

To you we come, Father of lights,  
with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite.  
Lord Jesus, meet with us in the breaking of the bread.  
**Amen**

## 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 thanks and praise.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts:*

**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.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper, and we use this acclamation:*

Christ is the bread of life.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come again.**

*The prayer continues and ends with praise to God to which everyone responds*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*please 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**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.**

## **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.*

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says an invitation to Communion:*

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying 'Alleluia'

The Lord our God has entered into his Kingdom.

**Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

## **The Communion**

*Please wait to be called by a sidesperson. You will be guided to follow the walking route of the church.*

## **Anthem**

*please sit*

*Antiphon – Vaughan Williams*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

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; for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**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 Notices and Banns of Marriage**

*please sit*

## **The Blessing**

*please stand*

God give to you and to all those whom you love  
his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next;  
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

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
**My God and King!**  
The heavens are not too high,  
his praise may thither fly;  
the earth is not too low,  
his praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
**My God and King!**

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
**My God and King!**  
The Church with psalms must shout,  
no door can keep them out;  
but above all, the heart  
must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
**My God and King!**

## Dismissal

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

## Organ Voluntary

*Con Moto Maestoso, Sonata No. 3 in A Major - Mendelssohn*

**Please stay behind and join us for refreshments!**