



# The Sunday Sheet *for* Christ the King Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the **Parish Eucharist**.  
An induction loop is provided.*

***Gluten free wafers are available*** for those who need them. Please inform one of the  
welcomers who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

## **Entrance Hymn**

All hail the power of Jesu's name!  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call;  
The God incarnate, Man divine,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue  
to him their hearts enthral,  
lift high the universal song,  
and crown him Lord of all.

*Edward Perronet 1726-1792 & Others  
Tune: Miles Lane*

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

Grace and peace be with you  
**And keep you in the love of Christ.**

*The Priest gives an introduction to the Eucharist and calls the people to penitence.*

*Silence is kept*

God has revealed a better way, yet we are unable to follow it in our own strength:  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

God has been made known in his Son, yet we do not always keep our eyes on him:  
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

God has given us his Spirit, yet we do not always attend to his prompting:  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,  
✠ forgive you and set you free from sin,  
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!  
Peace to all your people through the earth be given:  
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,  
Singing alleluias to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:  
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!  
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,  
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,  
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:  
Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores:  
In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

*Tune: Camberwell*

## 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.**

## Revelation 1. 4b-8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

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

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

For the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

*Please Stand*

Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth:  
he is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to his name.

*Donald Fishel b.1950*

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Homily**

*Please Sit*

## **An Affirmation of the Faith.**

*Please Stand*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Intercession**

*Please Sit*

*Appropriate responses may be used, for example*

Lord, in your mercy:  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us:  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The Intercession ends with a suitable collect said by the priest, or the following*

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

## **The Peace**

*Please Stand*

We live under the rule of Christ the King. Let us greet and encourage one another as fellow citizens of the Kingdom.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

## **Offertory Hymn**

*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!

*Fling wide the gates, unbar the ancient doors;  
salute your king in his triumphant cause.*

*Michael Perry 1942-1996  
Tune: Crucifer*

## **The Thanksgiving**

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread,  
we take this wine  
to follow Christ's example  
and obey his command.**

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Eternal God,  
you have given your Son authority  
in heaven and on earth:  
grant that through this eucharist  
we may share in the banquet of his kingdom  
and serve him with hope and joy;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty, everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

Whose dominion is over all creation,  
that he may present to you  
an eternal and universal kingdom,  
a kingdom of life and truth,  
of grace and holiness,  
a kingdom of righteousness and justice,  
of love and peace.

Therefore with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.  
And we lift our hearts before you  
as a token of our love.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,  
Blessed is the one who comes to us  
in your name.**

**And we lift our hearts before you  
as we give you thanks and praise.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit on  
this bread and wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be for us the body and blood of your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ;

because on the night he was betrayed  
he took bread,  
and when he had given you thanks,  
he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you:  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;  
when he had given you thanks  
he gave it to them and said,

Drink this, all of you;  
this cup is the new covenant in my blood  
poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins:  
do this as often as you drink it  
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God,  
recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son  
once for all upon the cross  
and the triumph of his resurrection,  
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us  
that we may be filled with your life and goodness  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom  
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace  
that we may do your work and be his body in the world.



Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

*Please Sit*

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Communion**

*The priest breaks the bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body  
for we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

## **The Invitation to Holy Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*The sacrament is administered with these words:*

The body of Christ. **Amen.**      The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

*All those who are baptised (Christened) are welcome to receive Holy Communion today. Baptised (Christened) children are welcome to receive holy communion at the discretion of their parents.*

*If you are not receiving you are welcome to come forward for a blessing but please bring this leaflet with you as a signal to the priest.*

### **Hymn at the end of Communion**

Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.

*Taize Community*

*Silence is kept*

### **The Sending Out**

*Please Stand*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:  
**his love is everlasting.**

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.**

### **The Blessing**

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

Christ the King make you faithful and strong to do his will, and bring you to 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.**

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

## Final 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 virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now His brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic rose,  
as of that rose the stem;  
the root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love,  
behold his hands and side,  
those 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 peace,  
whose power 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 flowers 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 has died for me;

thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

*Matthew Bridges 1800-1894*  
*Tune: Diademata*

*CCL No: 961722*

## Notices

**Refreshments.** Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

**Praying for Growth.** Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer:

*God of Mission,  
Who alone brings growth to your  
Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
Joy to our worship,  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**The Community Fridge** takes place every Sunday from 4-5pm at the Parish Church.

**Sunday Sheet.** Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

**Choir Tour.** The Cathedral Choir have been given the amazing opportunity of singing in Finland on a choir tour in May next year. We are raising money to make sure this can happen. For more details, and to donate online, please see the following

link: <https://gofund.me/560aa0db>

If you would like to donate in cash or by cheque, please clearly mark your donations 'Choir Finland' and hand to a member of the cathedral team or pop it in the collection plate or donation box

in the cathedral. If you are able to, please share the Go Fund Me page – from the page on the link above, click 'Share' and you can share on social media or copy the link to send to friends and family. Thank you.

**O Come, let us adore him** is an Advent Study Group put together by the Bishops of the Church in Wales. We will be running the group at the Parish Church on the following Mondays: 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> December starting at 11am. The sessions will last no longer than one hour. A warm welcome to all!

**Advent** begins on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. As well as the usual morning Eucharist there will be the Advent Procession at the Cathedral at 6pm. This is a beautiful service of music and readings to mark the beginning of this special season. **Advent Sunday** is also our next Invitation Service. Please pick up invitations to give out from the table at the back of the Church.

**Kentigern Guild** The next meeting of the Kentigern Guild will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the Parish Church. The speaker will be Paul Meador and his talk is entitled "Composing for Royalty". All welcome.

**Christmas Coffee Morning** will take place at the Parish Church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 1pm. A warm festive welcome to all.

## The Week Ahead

### 25<sup>th</sup> Monday – John Donne

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

11am 'O Come let us adore him'

Advent Study Group *at the Parish  
Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

### 26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

### 27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

### 28<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish*

*Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish*

*Church*

12noon Food4Thought *at the Parish*

*Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

### 29<sup>th</sup> Friday – Day of Intercession for the Mission of the Church

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Evensong

### 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Andrew, Apostle

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Advent 1

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

6pm The Advent Procession

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## Today's Readings

### **Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14**

The prophet Daniel tells of his vision of the powers arrayed in rebellion against God and the coming of the Son of Man to take his rightful place as ruler over all the earth.

### **Psalm 93**

### **Revelation 1. 4b-8**

The prophet John speaks of Jesus Christ, using the same language that Daniel used for the Son of Man. Jesus is the one to whom all dominion has been given and his followers await his return in glory.

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

Jesus speaks of the nature of his kingship and his kingdom when questioned by Pilate.

