*Eucharist Christ the King, Year A, 22.11.2020*

*The Gathering*

*Hymn* Crown him with many crowns

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,
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 peace, whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end, and round his pierced 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.
Glassed in a sea of light, where everlasting waves
reflect his throne - the infinite! who lives - and loves - and saves.

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

*The Greeting*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

*Prayers of Penitence*

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.

*cf Matthew 4.17*

The kingdom is yours, but we turn away from your just rule:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

The power is yours, but we trust in our own power and strength:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

The glory is yours, but we fall short of the glory of God:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Absolution*

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.**

*The Gloria*

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.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**

*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*

*First Reading* **Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## *Second Reading* Ephesians 1: 15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel*

Alleluia, alleluia. You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *St Matthew*.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Matthew 25: 31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

*The Creed*

**We believe in one God, 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.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

*In the Diocesan Calendar we pray for St Michael & All Angels with St James, Croydon; Timothy Pike (V); Philip Kennedy (AsstC)*

*In the Anglican Communion Calendar, we pray for the Bishops, priests and people of the Church of Church of Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), and for The Rt Revd Nicholas Dill, Bishop of Bermuda*

*We also pray for all whose year’s mind falls at this time.*

Let us with confidence present our prayers and supplications to the throne of grace.

We pray for all those in positions of power,

that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people.

May your reign come;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than 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. **Amen.**

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*The Peace*

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.

*Colossians 3.14,15*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

*Hymn Alleluia, sing to Jesus*

Alleluia, sing to Jesus, his the sceptre, his the throne.
Alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone.
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia, he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His promise, ‘I am with you evermore’?

Alleluia, bread of angels, thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful flee to thee from day to day.
intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own;

alleluia, born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heav’n thy throne;

thou within the veil hast entered robed in flesh, our great High Priest;

thou on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic Feast.

*Preparation of the Altar*

*Prayer at the preparation of the altar.*

Blessed be God, who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.

May we feed upon the bread of God and drink the royal wine of heaven.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*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.**

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 their unending hymn of praise:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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 and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

*Agnus Dei*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

*Giving of Communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed 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.**

*Quiet Music: Beauty for Brokenness*

*Prayer after Communion*

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.**

*Then we pray together:*

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,**

**that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name,

strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

God the Son, who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,

plead for you at the right hand of the Father. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,

make you faithful servants of Christ our King. **Amen.**

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.**

*Hymn Make way. make way*

Make way, make way, for Christ the king in splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome him into your lives.

*Make way! (make way!) Make way! (make way!)
For the King of kings! (For the King of kings!)
Make way! (make way!) Make way! (make way!)
And let his kingdom in!*

He comes the broken hearts to heal, the prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.

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