Welcome to Holy Communion



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The Feast of Christ the King

Joint Service St Mary's and St John's Kidlington
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Hymn: AMNS 140

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all!

O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all!

Let every tongue and every tribe
responsive to his call,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with all the sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song.
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all!

Welcome

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

Lord, direct our thoughts and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

God shows his love for us in this:
that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Sure of reconciliation through the death of his Son,
we confess our sins.

O King, enthroned on high,
Filling the earth with your glory:
Holy is your name, Lord God Almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
To take our guilt away,
And to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 - Peruvian

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to the Father
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to the Father
To him be glory for ever
To him be glory for ever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to the Son
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to the Son
To him be glory for ever
To him be glory for ever
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 him be glory for ever
To him be glory for ever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen, Alleluia 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.**

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will **search for** my sheep and **look after** them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so I will look after 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 **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 strays, 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**.

As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: I shall **judge** between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats: Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet and drink what you have fouled with your feet?

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.**

Hymn:

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no-one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
`Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

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The Gospel Matthew 25.31-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'
"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'
"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'
"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'
"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'
"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

The Sermon

The Baptismal Creed

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: MP 162

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

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 *(Chorus)*

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered. *(Chorus)*

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. *(Chorus)*

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The Preparation of the Table

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven. **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.

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 might 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 in their unending hymn of praise singing:
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.

Lord, you are Holy indeed,
The source of all holiness.
Grant that by the power of your holy Spirit,
and according to your Holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine,
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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 and 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 and everlasting 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restore our life,
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

And so Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of all,
rejoicing at his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
We thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you;
we bring before you this life-giving bread, this saving cup.

We pray you to accept this our duty and service,
a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom,
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through him from whom all good things come,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of God's Kingdom as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

Sharing in 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.

There will be two communion stations: at the altar and the font. Please go to whichever is nearer to you. Gluten free wafers are available at the altar station.

You may receive the wine either by priest's intinction (the priest dips the wafer in the wine for you) or by sharing the common cup (which is the silver chalice on your right hand side.)

Communion Hymn: AMNS 134

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand,
None can pluck me from thy hand.

Loving Saviour, thou didst give
Thine own life that we might live,
And the hands outstretched to bless
Bear the cruel nails' impress.

I would praise thee every day,
Gladly all thy will obey,
Like thy blessed ones above
Happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray
From the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go,
Walking in thy steps below,
Till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

Choir Anthem: *A Hymn for St Cecilia* Herbert Howells

Prayer after Communion



Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, richly bearing the fruit of good works,
may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ
who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.

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.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
We who drink his cup bring life to others;
We whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
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 Blessing

God the Father, judge all-merciful,
Make us worthy of a place in his kingdom
Amen.

God the Son, coming among us in power,
Reveal among us the promise of his glory.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
Joyful in hope, and constant in love**.**
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you,
this day and evermore.
Amen.

The Dismissal

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

Hymn AMNS 147

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 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 angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

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 (1851)

Organ voluntary: *Rhapsody no1* Herbert Howells

Prayer Ministry Team

If you would like someone to pray personally and simply with you, for yourself or a loved one, please go to the Lady Chapel after the service. Two members of the Prayer Ministry Team will be ready to listen and pray.

Safeguarding

If you, or someone you know, has been impacted by abuse or has concerns, please speak to the Safeguarding Officer for our parish, Sarah Sewell; safeguarding@kidhp.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team (01865 208295; safeguardingreferrals@oxford.anglican.org).

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