

Saint Thomas's Church

**The Sunday Next Before Advent – The Reign of Christ
Sunday, November 21, 2021**

High Mass at 11 o'clock



Christ before Pilate, Simon Bening, c. 1525

This painting is in the collection of the J. Paul Getty Museum

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The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:

Those at the High Altar in loving memory of Rev. E.N. Dungan, husband of Margaret, father of Siobhán, father-in-law of Teige, and grandfather of Ciara, Emmet, and Liam;

Those on the Lady Altar in memory of Frank Donald McEachern and his parents Melville Duncan McEachern and May McEachern.

Celebrant: Fr. Shire
Homilist: Nicholas Saulnier
Deacon: Fr. Humphrey
Reader: Earl Barnsley
Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

Please note that congregational singing is still not permitted by Covid regulations. The Choir alone will make sung responses. All are encouraged to make the said responses.

MUSIC OF THE MASS – Mass for Four Voices, *William Byrd*

PRELUDE: Christe, Redemptor omnium, *Healey Willan*

Please stand as the choir enters the church during the prelude, sitting again when the choir sits.

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers.

The Choir alone sings:

HYMN 432 - King of Love, O Christ we crown thee

- 1 King of Love, O Christ we crown thee
Lord of thought and Lord of will,
Each demand of thy high challenge
Dedicated to fulfil –
We with thee by grace co-workers,
Till where'er man's foot hath trod,
Peoples, kings, dominions, races,
Own the empire of our God.
- 2 King of Life, who hast created
Wheat in golden harvest spread,
Make thy servants strong to serve thee
By the gift of daily bread;
Feed us with thy Body broken,
With thy Blood outpoured sustain,
That our souls divinely strengthened
May the life eternal gain.
- 3 King of Mercy, thou hast saved us
From the haunting sense of loss,
Nailing in thy vast compassion
Sin's indictment on the Cross;
Them who love, by thy sore anguish,
From the past thou makest free,
Breathing words of absolution
Where thou reignest from the Tree

4 King triumphant, King victorious,
Take thy throne our hearts within,
Lest the might of fierce temptation
Snare us into mortal sin;
By thy Spirit's rich anointing
Grant us power life's race to run,
Till the lure of sense be vanquished,
Till the prize of God be won.

HERMON

Bp C.V. Pilcher, 1935

Please kneel.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Choir sings

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

Please stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Celebrant: Glory be to God on high,

People: **and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
R / **And with thy spirit.**

Please remain standing for the Collect.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

The First Lesson is written in the seventh chapter of the book of Daniel, beginning at the ninth verse.

As I looked, thrones were placed and one that was ancient of days took his seat; his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came forth from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.
R / Thanks be to God.

The people remain seated. The Choir alone sings:

PSALM: 132.1-13

- 1 Lord, remember David, and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to the Lord and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, nor let my eyelids slumber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 "The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; we found it in the fields of Jearim."
- 7 "Let us go to God's dwelling place: let us fall upon our knees before his foot-stool."
- 8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place; you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your anointed.
- 11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David, in truth, he will not break it:
- 12 "A son, the fruit of your body, will I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
Their children will sit upon your throne for ever-more."

THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1.4b-8

The Second Lesson is written in the first chapter of the Book of Revelation, beginning at the fourth verse.

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 first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, every one who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.
R / Thanks be to God.

Please stand. The Choir alone sings:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 18.33-37

V / The Lord be with you.

R / **And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Gospel is written in the eighteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning at the thirty-third verse.

R / *Glory be to thee O Lord*

Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world." Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice."

The Gospel of Christ. R / **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: I believe in one God

People: **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (*Kneel.*) And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, (*Rise.*) And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Please be seated for the hymn during the Offertory, sung by the Choir alone.

OFFERTORY HYMN 386 – The Lord is King!

- 1 The Lord is King! lift up thy voice,
O earth; and all ye heavens, rejoice;
From world to world one song shall ring:
The Lord omnipotent is King.
- 2 The Lord is King! who then shall dare
Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?
- 3 The Lord is King! child of the dust,
The Judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways:
Let every creature speak his praise.
- 4 He reigns! ye saints, exalt your strains;
Your God is King, your Father reigns;
And he is at the Father's side,
The Man of love, the Crucified.
- 5 Come, make your wants, your burdens known,
He will present them at the throne;
And angel-bands are waiting there
His messages of love to bear.
- 6 The Lord is King! lift up thy voice,
O earth; and all ye heavens, rejoice;
From world to world one song shall ring:
The Lord omnipotent is King.

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM
Grenoble Church Melody.
Harmony by Dr Basil Harwood, 1908

Josiah Conder, 1824

The people stand as the thurifer approaches for the censuring.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

Please kneel.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, and for all who serve and minister to God's people.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the Queen and for all in authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide us in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, and we give thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present with us in person or via livestream; our newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud_____. May God's abiding presence be with us always, and may we be a blessing to all people.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick_____, and all those suffering from the coronavirus, for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked_____, that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially_____ who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for_____, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O God Most High, look upon thy people who rejoice in thy justice and mercy; grant that the prayers and petitions we now make reveal the reign of Christ who is our true King, whom with thee and the Holy Spirit are ever one God, worthy of our praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

V / The Lord be with you; *R* / **And with thy spirit.**

V / Lift up your hearts; *R* / **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

V / Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; *R* / **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; whom thou didst exalt as Lord of all creation, that he might present unto thee an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

The Choir sings:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

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 them that 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 consecrated Bread is broken.

V / The peace of the Lord be always with you;

R / And with thy spirit.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

Celebrant: We do not presume

to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

All baptised Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.

MOTET

O King, all glorious

Healey Willan

O King all glorious, amid thy saintly company, Who ever shalt be praised, who over passest utterance. Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Holy Name; leave us not, O our God, that in the day of judgement it may please thee to place us in the number of thy Saints and blessed ones. O King most blessed.

(Compline Antiphon from the Sarum Gradual)

Please kneel or sit.

COMMUNION HYMN 494 - O Jesu, King most wonderful

- 1 O Jesu, King most wonderful,
Thou Conqueror renowned,
Thou sweetness most ineffable,
In whom all joys are found.
- 2 When once thou visitest the heart,
Then truth begins to shine,
Then early vanities depart,
Then kindles love divine.
- 3 O Jesu, Light of all below,
Thou Fount of living fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know
And all we can desire;
- 4 Jesu, may all confess thy Name,
Thy wondrous love adore,
And seeking thee, their hearts inflame
To seek thee more and more.
- 5 Thee, Jesu, may our voices bless,
Thee may we love alone,
And ever in our lives express
The image of thine own.

Please kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
R / **Thanks be to God.**

All standing, the Choir alone sings:

CONCLUDING HYMN - From glory to glory advancing

- 1 From glory to glory advancing,
We praise thee, O Lord;
Thy name with the Father and Spirit
Be ever adored.
From strength unto strength
We go forward on Sion's highway,
To appear before God
In the city of infinite day.
- 2 Thanksgiving and glory
And worship and blessing and love,
One heart and one song
Have the saints upon earth and above.
O Lord, evermore to thy servants
Thy presence be nigh.
Ever fit us by service on earth
For thy service on high

*SHEEN
Gustav Holst (1874-1934)*

*Liturgy of St James
Tr. Charles Humphreys (1840-1921)*

The people may be seated. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence during and after the Postlude.

POSTLUDE: Choral in A Minor, *César Franck*