

## REIGN OF CHRIST

### THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

#### SUNG EUCHARIST AT 9:30

## The Liturgy of the Word

*The Presider greets the people, saying*

*Presider:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People:* And also with you.

*Presider:* Almighty God,

*People:* To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Please see the musical insert and join together in singing the Gloria*

*Presider:* Glory to God in the highest,

*People:* 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.

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.

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. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

*Please remain standing*

*Presider:* Let us pray:  
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* Amen.

## The Proclamation of the Word

*Please be seated*

*The readings for the day are found on a separate insert. At the end of the first two readings, the reader says "The Word of the Lord", and the People respond Thanks be to God*

*Please stand for the Gospel*

*Gospeller:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to . . .

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*At the conclusion of the Gospel*

*Gospeller:* The Gospel of Christ.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Sermon

*A silence for reflection may follow.*

## The Nicene Creed

*Presider:* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*People:* 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

## Confession and Absolution

*Presider:* Dear friends, let us humbly confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Please kneel. A Silence is kept.*

*Presider:* Most merciful God,

*All:* we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* Amen.

## The Peace

*Please stand*

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

*The Preparation of the Gifts & Offertory Hymn (Please see leaflet). A hymn is sung while the Gifts of the People, (the bread, wine, and monetary offering), are brought to the altar.*

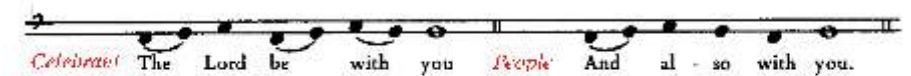
## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider:* Let us pray:

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*People:* Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving



*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.



*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts. *People:* We lift them to the Lord.



*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Presider:* It is right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing;

you created them to rejoice  
in the splendour of your radiance.  
Countless throngs of angels stand before you  
to serve you night and day,  
and, beholding your presence,  
they offer you unceasing praise.  
Joining with them,  
and giving voice to every creature under heaven,  
we acclaim you, and glorify your name,  
as we sing,

## Sanctus and Benedictus

*Please see the musical insert. Please kneel at the conclusion of the Benedictus.*

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.

*Presider:* We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power;  
your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.  
You formed us in your own image,  
giving the whole world into our care,  
so that, in obedience to you, our creator,  
we might rule and serve all your creatures.  
When our disobedience took us far from you,  
you did not abandon us to the power of death.  
In your mercy you came to our help,  
so that in seeking you we might find you.  
Again and again  
you called us into covenant with you,  
and through the prophets  
you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much  
that in the fullness of time  
you sent your only Son to be our Saviour.  
Incarnate by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
he lived as one of us, yet without sin.  
To the poor  
he proclaimed the good news of salvation;  
to prisoners, freedom;  
to the sorrowful, joy.  
To fulfil your purpose  
he gave himself up to death  
and, rising from the grave, destroyed death  
and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves,  
but for him who died and rose for us,  
he sent the Holy Spirit,  
his own first gift for those who believe,  
to complete his work in the world,  
and to bring to fulfilment  
the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified  
by you, his heavenly Father,  
having loved his own who were in the world,  
he loved them to the end:  
at supper with them he took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,

he gave it to them,  
and said, "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.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Father,  
we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption.  
Recalling Christ's death  
and descent among the dead,  
proclaiming his resurrection  
and ascension to your right hand,  
awaiting his coming in glory;  
and offering to you,  
from the gifts you have given us,  
this bread and this cup,  
we praise you and we bless you.

*All:* We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*Presider:* Father,  
we pray that in your goodness and mercy  
your Holy Spirit may descend upon us,  
and upon these gifts,  
sanctifying them and showing them  
to be holy gifts for your holy people,  
the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and this cup  
may become one body and one spirit,  
a living sacrifice in Christ  
to the praise of your name.

Remember, Lord,  
your one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
redeemed by the blood of your Christ.  
Reveal its unity, guard its faith,  
and preserve it in peace.

Remember Colin our bishop, and  
*[the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer]*,  
and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, particularly the sick  
*[Names]*, and those with other needs *[Names]*.

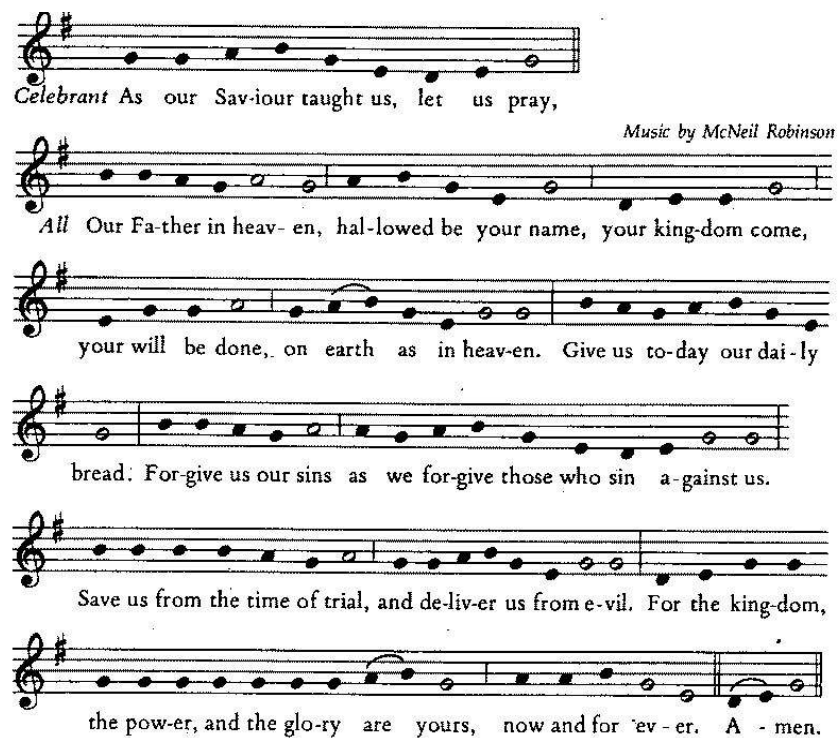
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ,  
*[Names, who has/have died in recent days]*,  
and on their Year's Mind *[Names]*,  
and those whose faith is known to you alone;  
Bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance  
with the blessed Virgin Mary,  
with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
with Saint Thomas our patron, and all the saints  
who have found favour with you in ages past.  
We praise you in union with them and give you glory  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*People:* Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer



*Celebrant* As our Sav-iour taught us, let us pray,

*Music by McNeil Robinson*

All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly  
bread: For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom,  
the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for 'ev-er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread for distribution*

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

*People:* We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

*Presider:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Agnus Dei

*please see the music sheet insert and join in singing the Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Communion.*

*The sacrament is given with the following words:*

*“The body of Christ (given for you)”... “The blood of Christ (shed for you)”;  
or “The body of Christ, the bread of heaven”... “The blood of Christ, the cup  
of salvation”. The communicant responds each time, Amen.*

*During the communion, the choir may sing a motet*

*Hymn after Communion (Please see leaflet)*

### Prayer after Communion

*Please remain standing*

*Presider:* Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood  
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all  
the world may see his light. We ask this in the name  
of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*People:* Amen.

## Dismissal & Blessing

*The Presider blesses the people saying:*

*Presider:* May the Lord of his great mercy bless you,  
and give you understanding  
of his wisdom and grace;  
May he nourish you with the riches  
of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic faith,  
and make you to persevere in all good works;  
May he keep your steps from wandering,  
and direct you in the paths of love and peace;  
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain  
with you always.

*People:* Amen.

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.