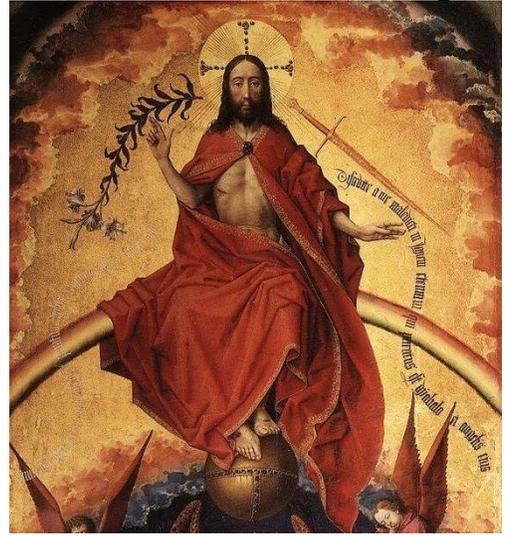


The Parish Churches of St Mary's  
and St John's Bathwick

22 November 2020  
Christ the Universal King



Rogier van der Weyden (1399/1400-1464),  
*Christ in judgement* from the *Beaune Altarpiece* (1445-50)

**Welcome and Introduction**

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

The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

**Penitential rite**

*The priest introduces the penitential rite in these or other words*

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that we will be judged on how we have treated others. For the times we have failed to provide and care for the poor and vulnerable, let us ask for forgiveness...

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who calls us to life:

Lord, have mercy:

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you are the first fruits of the new creation:

Christ, have mercy:

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you came to show sinners the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy:

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

## Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,  
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

*the prayer of the day*

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

## Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.  
I love you above all things  
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite  
myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*The priest consumes the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist.*

## 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.

## Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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 the 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 the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

*If you are able to donate by BACS (online) to  
the mission of our churches, the account  
details are as follows:*

**St Mary's:** account number 00233331  
and sort code 560034.

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*Many thanks for your generosity*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you.

**All and also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts and we respond:*

**All 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.**

*The president recalls Jesus' words at the Last Supper, and this acclamation is used*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*The prayer of consecration ends:*

...by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer in these or similar words*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

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

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

**All 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.**

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.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 95:1-7*

**R/O come let us worship  
and bow down before our Maker.**

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord'  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms. R/
- 2 For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land. R/
- 3 Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand. R/

## The Epistle

*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.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

**Alleluia!**

## The Gospel

*Matthew 25:31-46*

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## Apostles' Creed

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

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,**

**He is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We 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.**

## Prayers of the Faithful

*One of these responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy. (*or*) Lord, hear us.

**All hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### The Peace

*The priest introduces the Peace with these or other suitable words:*

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All and also with you.**

### Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our  
good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

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.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**