



**Richmond
Team Ministry**



Sung Eucharist

11:00am

The Feast of Christ the King
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WELCOME to St John's this morning on the Feast of Christ the King!



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, when we gather to proclaim the sovereignty of Christ over all creation. This day draws our eyes to the truth that God's kingdom is not marked by domination or earthly power, but by the self-giving love revealed in Jesus Christ—crucified, risen, and reigning in glory. As we come to the culmination of the Church's year, we are invited to hold together both majesty and mercy: the royal dignity of Christ who reigns above all, and the compassion of the Shepherd-King who knows each of us by name.

In worship today we reaffirm our calling to live as citizens of this kingdom of justice, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. We offer our praise, renew our hope, and prepare our hearts to enter the season of Advent, watching and waiting for the coming of Christ who is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

***This act of worship is livestreamed on our Facebook page,
please do 'follow' us on Facebook: St John the Divine, Richmond Team
Ministry.***

The clergy in the Richmond Team Ministry are always happy to meet for pastoral conversations about faith or to offer spiritual counsel. If you would like to speak with a member of the clergy, do be in touch directly or through the RTM Parish Office.

Prelude

Dialogue (from Suite du deuxième ton)
Jean-Adam Guilain

*Please stand to sing the **Introit Hymn** when the bell rings.*

**I Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.**

**Angels, saints and nations sing :
“Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!”**

**2 Shepherd-king, o’er mountains steep
homeward bring the wandering sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.**

**3 Eucharistic King, what love
draws thee daily from above,
clad in signs of bread and wine :
feed us, lead us, keep us thine!**

**4 King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
till in peace, each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings.**

**5 Sing with joy in ev’ry home :
“Christ our King, thy kingdom come!
To the King of ages, then,
honour, glory, love : Amen!”**

Charles Rigby(1901-1962)
Words: Patrick Brennan C.S.S.R (1877-1952)

The Gathering

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.

Penitential Act

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.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

The Kyrie is sung.

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
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 in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

**Glory be to God in heaven;
peace goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of Love.
Son of God and gracious Saviour,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;
in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord, alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendour bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!**

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

Please sit for the readings and the psalm.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Jeremiah (23.1-6).

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter
the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord.

Therefore, thus says the Lord,
the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who
shepherd my people:
It is you who have scattered my flock, and have
driven them away, and you have not attended to
them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings,
says the Lord.

Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock
out of all the lands where I have driven them, and
I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall
be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds
over them who will shepherd them, and they shall
not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any
be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I
will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he
shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall
execute justice and righteousness in the land. In
his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in
safety. And this is the name by which he will be
called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

*The Psalm appointed for the day is led by the choir,
and the congregation are invited to join in with the
sung Response.*

**Response: The Lord of hosts is with us; the
God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be
moved,
and though the mountains tremble in the heart
of the sea;
3 Though the waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains quake at the
towering seas. **R**

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the
city of God,
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her at the break of day.

6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,

but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **R**

8 Come and behold the works of the Lord,

what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

9 He makes wars to cease in all the world;

he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.

10 'Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be exalted in the earth.'

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **R**

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians (1.11-20).

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn**

**I Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!**

**Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:**

***Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.***

**2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!**

**power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:**

**3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!**

**death is through the cross defeated, sinners
justified:**

**4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!**

**sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:**

**5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:**

MICHAEL SAWARD(b.1932)
A&M 612

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A seasonal sentence is sung.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (23.33–43).

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'

And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

Sermon

Please sit.

Please stand for 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

Lord, in your mercy *or*: Lord, hear us.
Hear our prayer or Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.

The peace of Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*We greet each other with a sign of peace, and then
sing the Offertory Hymn*

**1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.**

**2 Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.**

**3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.**

**4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.**

**5 Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified!**

GEORGE HUGH BOURNE (1840–1925)
A&M 453

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also card readers and cash plate at the back of
church. Thank you!*



Preparation of the Altar

The Offertory

The Altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received the
bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received the
wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of
human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

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

**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.**

Prayer over the Offerings

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which
the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly
pray, that your Son himself may bestow all
nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through
Christ our Lord. **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 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, Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: *Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.* When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, John the Divine, Matthias, Mary Magdalene, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

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

*The **Great Amen** is sung.*

The Lord's Prayer

**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

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.**

The Agnus Dei is sung.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Holy Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Baptised members of all Christian traditions are welcome to receive Communion here today. Everyone is invited to come to the altar rail for a blessing if you do not wish to receive Communion.

During the distribution of Holy Communion the choir sing:

Ride on, King Jesus (traditional spiritual)

Prayer after Holy 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.**

The Notices

Information about our life together is shared.

The Dismissal

We stand to sing the **Post Communion Hymn**

**1 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.**

**2 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.**

**3 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those 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.**

**4 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**5 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 (1800–1894)
A&M 227

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
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 our King. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and all whom you love, this day and always. **Amen.**

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Nachspiel Anton Bruckner

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**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP
AT ST JOHN'S**

**Team Advent Procession & Carol Service
Sunday 30th November 6:30pm**

**Carols by Candlelight
Saturday 13 December 6.00pm**
Followed by a seasonal refreshments

**Children's Nativity and Christingle
Sunday 14 December 4.00pm**
Followed by a celebration
Supporting The Children's Society

**Christmas Eve
Wednesday 24 December
11.00pm Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day
Thursday 25 December
11.00am Christmas Morning Eucharist**

**Epiphany Sunday
4 January 11.00am
Feast of the Epiphany**

TUESDAYS

Morning Prayer 8:30am

**Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament**

6:30pm

Said Eucharist

7:00pm

