

### *The Good Shepherd with the Kid*

He saves the sheep, the goats he doth not save!  
So rang Tertullian's sentence, on the side  
Of that unpitying Phrygian sect which cried:  
'Him can no fount of fresh forgiveness lave,

'Who sins, once wash'd by the baptismal wave!'  
So spake the fierce Tertullian. But she sigh'd,  
The infant church; of love she felt the tide  
Stream on her from her Lord's yet recent grave.

And then she smiled, and in the Catacombs,  
With eye suffused but heart inspired true,  
On those walls subterranean, where she hid

Her head in ignominy, death, and tombs,  
She her Good Shepherd's hasty image drew;  
And on his shoulders, not a lamb, a kid.

*Matthew Arnold, 1867*

## Congregation of Mark the Evangelist 22 November 2020 Reign of Christ A

### *Live Streamed Service*

### *Preparing for Worship Today*

- This worship service will be 'live streamed' from the church building, with only the worship leaders present on site.
- This order of service includes the words of the hymns. Congregational responses are printed in ***bold italics***.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!



## A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**LITBIT:** The feast of Christ the King (or the Reign of Christ) was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, making it a comparatively recent addition to the liturgical calendar. The celebration was established in the context of growing European nationalisms and a dispute between Italy and the Roman church regarding the sovereignty of the Vatican. It was originally celebrated on the last Sunday of October (the Sunday prior to All Saints, November 1), but was moved in 1969 by Pope Paul VI to the end of "Ordinary". This location, at the "end" of the liturgical calendar, highlights the eschatological or end-time orientation of the celebration. The lectionary readings on this day refer to the coming consummation of all things under Christ. The take-up by many protestant church of the new common lectionaries of the 1970s, '80s and 90's saw the feast become a regular feature also in protestant worship cycles. The liturgical colour for the Reign of Christ is white or gold.

**Prelude** D Buxtehude, *Praeludium Bux* WV 162

### *The Gathering of the People of God*

#### Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.  
***And also with you.***

The LORD is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
***we are God's people and the sheep of his pasture.***

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
*give thanks to him and call upon his Name.*

*Psalm 100.2f*

### Prayer of invocation

**Hymn** 216 Rejoice the Lord is King (tune 371)

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;  
your Lord and King adore;  
let all give thanks, and sing,  
and triumph evermore;

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:  
*Lift up your heart, ...*

3. His kingdom cannot fail,  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given:  
*Lift up your heart,...*

4. He sits at God's right hand,  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet:  
*Lift up your heart,...*

5. Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus the judge shall come,

and take his servants up  
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, Rejoice!*

Charles Wesley  
1707–88 *alt.*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
*And also with you.* *2 Corinthians 13.13*

## *The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching*

### The Testimony of Scripture

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet  
*and a light to our path.*

Daniel 12.1-4a *...until the time of the end*

Psalm 100 *For the LORD is good...*



God is our shep-herd and we the flock.

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Ephesians 1.15-23 *Prayer for a spirit of wisdom of revelation*

Matthew 25.31-46 *And when the Son of Man comes in his glory*

This is the gospel of the Lord  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

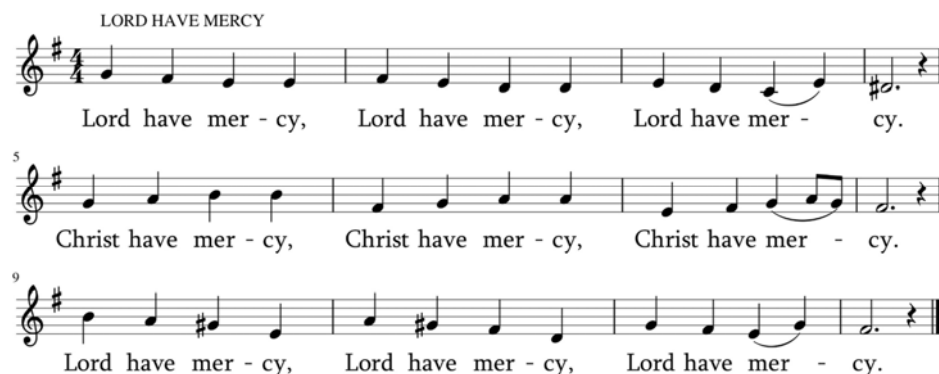
## The Preaching of the Word

*The text of the sermon will normally be  
available after worship and online*

### Prayer of Confession

### Kyrie

LORD HAVE MERCY



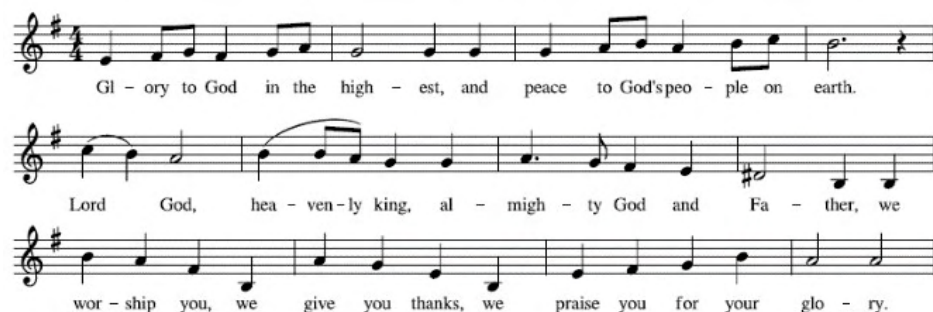
Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.  
Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.  
Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

### Declaration of Forgiveness

...hear, then, Christ's word of grace to us:  
Your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Doxology



Gl - ory to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, hea - ven - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Jes - us Christ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are  
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our  
prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Jes - us Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of  
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

### The Peace

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

### The Nicene 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 by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.*

*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,  
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.*

### *The Visible Word: Eucharist*

**LITBIT** Celebrating the Eucharist not only reminds us that we are invited to be guests; it also reminds us that we are given the freedom to invite others to be guests as well. We have experienced the hospitality of God in Christ; our lives are therefore set free to be hospitable... Being in the neighbourhood of Jesus is sharing Jesus' freedom to *invite* – to make our lives and our communities places of welcome for those most deeply in need of solidarity, of fellowship.

ROWAN WILLIAMS

**Hymn 506** Author of love divine

1. Author of life divine,  
you have a table spread,  
furnished with mystic wine

and everlasting bread;  
preserve the life yourself have given,  
preserve the life yourself have given,  
and feed and train us up to heaven.

2. Our needy souls sustain  
with fresh supplies of love,  
till all your life we gain,  
and all your fullness prove,  
and, strengthened by your perfect grace,  
and, strengthened by your perfect grace,  
behold without a veil your face.

Charles Wesley  
1707–88 *alt.*

### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

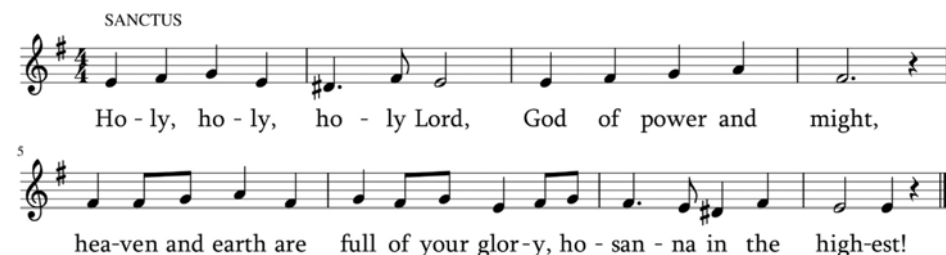
*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*(The prayer continues...)*

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
5 hea-ven and earth are full of your glor-y, ho - san - na in the high-est!

BENEDICTUS

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*(The prayer continues...)*

CHRIST HAS DIED

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain

*(The prayer continues...)*

BLESSING AND HONOUR

Bless-ing and hon - our, glo-ry and power are yours for e - ver - more

## The Lord's Prayer

*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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus bear - er of our sin have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, grant us peace.

Let us receive what we are,  
let us become what we receive  
*The body of Christ*

## The Communion

**Communion interlude** R Vaughan Williams, *Rhosymedre*

## Notices

### *The Sending Forth of the People of God*

**Hymn 213(ii)** Father, whose everlasting love

*Charles Wesley on the relentless grace of God!*

1. Father, whose everlasting love  
your only Son for sinners gave,  
whose grace to all did freely move,  
and sent him down the world to save:

2. help us your mercy to extol,  
immense, unfathomed, unconfined;  
to praise the Lamb who died for all,  
the Saviour of all humankind.

3. Your undistinguishing regard  
was cast on Adam's fallen race;  
for all you have in Christ prepared  
sufficient, sovereign, saving grace.

4. The world he suffered to redeem;  
for all he has the atonement made;  
for those that will not come to him  
the ransom of his life was paid.

5. Arise, O God, maintain your cause!  
The fullness of the nations call;  
lift up the standard of your cross,  
and all shall own you died for all.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

## **Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude** D Buxtehude, *Canzona BuxWV170*

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