

Holy Trinity Church Heath Town
Sunday 23rd November 2025 9:30am Holy Communion
Theme: [Christ The King] King of the Turning World
Preacher: Bill Nicholls Celebrant: Revd Richard Merrick

WELCOME, GREETING & INTRODUCTION

We stand before the throne of God with countless crowds from every nation, race, tribe and language.

Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might be to our God for ever and ever.

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving God, Eternal King enthroned on high, we have come to worship you:
Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude, and to listen to your word with eagerness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN/SONG

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 chosen King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God
Before the worlds began;
And Ye who tread where He hath trod,
Crown Him the Son of Man,
Who every grief hath known,
That wrings the human breast,
And takes and bears them for His own,
That all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save:
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown Him the King to whom is given
The wondrous name of love:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

CONFESSION

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

A short time of silence is held.

O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory: holy is your name, Lord God almighty. In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away, and to cleanse our lips to speak your word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 GLORIA

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.

OLD TESTAMENT OR EPISTLE: Psalm 46

At the end: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN/SONG

O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, and canopy, space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,

And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

*For You alone are the matchless King,
To You alone be all majesty.
Your glories and wonders what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light.*

O measureless might, ineffable love!
While angels delight to worship above,
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, defender, Redeemer and friend!

Gospel Luke 23:33-43

When the reading is announced

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON/ADDRESS

THE CREED

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death,

even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name:

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

These or other appropriate responses may be used.

King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
Come and reign, King Jesus.

THE PEACE

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share with one another a sign of God's peace.

NOTICES

OFFERTORY HYMN

Meekness and Majesty,
Manhood and Deity,
In perfect harmony,
The Man who is God.
Lord of eternity
Dwells in humanity,
Kneels in humility
And washes our feet.

*O what a mystery,
Meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
For this is your God,
This is your God.*

Father's pure radiance,
Perfect in innocence,
Yet learns obedience
To death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
Conquering through sacrifice,
And as they crucify
Prays: 'Father forgive.'

Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible

In frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
Stooping so tenderly,
Lifts our humanity
To the heights of His throne.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE.

Eternal God, High King of Heaven, through your great goodness we have these gifts to offer and we present them at your table as a symbol of the work you have given us to do.

Use them, use us in the service of your world, to the glory of your name. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

And now we give you thanks that he is the King of glory, who overcomes the sting of death

and opens the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He is seated at your right hand in glory
and we believe that he will come to be our judge.

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.

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, 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 [N 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.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray;

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE 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.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

grant us peace.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.

**Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of
glory. May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life; we who drink his cup
bring life to others;**

**we whom the Spirit lights give light to the
world. Keep us firm in the hope you have
set before us, so we and all your children
shall be free, and the whole earth live to
praise your name; through Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in
taking the form of a servant, and in
obedience died on the cross for our
salvation: give us the courage to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to
the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

May Christ the Son of God perfect in you
the image of his glory and gladden your
hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of Almighty God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN/SONG

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol Him in whose path ye trod,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,

Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that, with yonder sacred throng,
We at His feet may fall,
Join in the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.