

St Matthew's Westminster



The Sunday Mass
The Feast of Christ the King
November 22nd, 2020

Welcome to St Matthew's Westminster

During the current national lockdown churches are not allowed to offer public worship, however we are permitted to stream the Mass with necessary participants and without a congregation.

This means that many people who would have received Holy Communion each Sunday, and some of them every day, are not able to receive the comfort and benefits of the sacrament.

This is a huge loss. However, it is not the first time that the Church has been in such a position. Throughout Christian history some Christian people have found themselves isolated from the sacramental life of the Church for all sorts of reasons, and particularly in times of plague, famine and warfare.

At such times the Church has encouraged people to make what is called a Spiritual Communion. It is a way of uniting yourself with Jesus and entering into communion with him even though you are not able to receive the sacrament itself.



Christ the King

There is silence all around. The Baptist appears, and cries: 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!' Soon after that comes Jesus, and in the knowledge that he is the coming Son of Man lays hold of the wheel of the world to set it moving on that last revolution which is to bring all human history to a close. It refuses to turn, and he throws himself upon it. Then it does turn; and crushes him. Instead of bringing in the eschatological conditions, he has destroyed them. The wheel rolls onward, and the mangled body of the one immeasurably great Man, who was strong enough to think of himself as the spiritual ruler of mankind and to bend history to his purpose, is hanging upon it still. That is his victory and his reign.

The Quest of the Historical Jesus, Albert Schweitzer 1910



THE GATHERING

Mass Setting

Missa Brevis Sancti Pauli
Anthony Caesar (1924-2018)

Organ Prelude

Pange Lingua en taille a 4
Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

Processional Hymn

O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his 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, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838)

Music: Hanover, Supplement to the New Version, 1708

The Greeting

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

Priest Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **and also with you.**

*The priest introduces the Mass, and invites the congregation to seek
the grace and mercy of God, as we celebrate the mystery of redemption.*

Prayers of Penitence

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest pronounces Absolution.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

The Collect of the Day

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24

at the end of the readings –

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel:
the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
He hath made the round world so sure: that it cannot be moved.
Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared:
thou art from everlasting.
The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice:
the floods lift up their waves.
The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly:
but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure:
holiness becometh thine house for ever.

New Testament Reading Ephesians 1. 15-end

Hymn

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh: his presence we have;
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
And honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Music: Paderborn (CP 627), Paderborn Gesangbuch, 1765

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel St Matthew 25. 31-end
when the Gospel is announced - Glory to you, O Lord.
at the end of the reading - Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon Mthr Sarah Lenton

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 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.

The Prayers of The People

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Peace

Priest Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles
peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you:
regard not our sins but the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Anthem

Te Deum in B flat
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The Altar is prepared. Once prepared, the Altar, with the gifts of bread and wine upon it, is blessed with incense. The clergy & participants are also censed.

Orate Fratres

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

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice we offer,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

The priest says a prayer over the gifts of bread and wine.

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.**

*We celebrate the work of God in creating,
restoring and bringing to completion all that is his.*

... for ever praising you and saying:

Solo **Sanctus & Benedictus**

We recall Jesus' institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

Priest Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died;**

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

*We recall the work of Christ, and pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit,
praying as members of the Church for our whole life and mission.*

Priest ... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A short time of silence is kept at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

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

*The consecrated bread is broken in silence before it is shared.
We who are many, are one, for we all share in the one bread.*

Agnus Dei

Holy Communion

Priest Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Spiritual Communion

The prayer that follows draws on the story of the woman who comes to Jesus but only touches the hem of his garment. She still receives healing and blessing (See St Mark 5. 25-34). In a way, spiritual communion is like this. We are not able to receive the sacramental bread and wine. But in a spiritual communion we still come to Jesus and he still receives us.

Act of Spiritual Reception

O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son, I offer you praise and thanksgiving.

Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.

Communion Anthem

Ascendit Deus
Peter Philips (1565-1635)

*Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubae. Alleluia.
Dominus in caelo paravit sedem suam. Alleluia.*

*The Lord ascends with shout of jubilation, and the Lord with the
sound of the trumpet. Alleluia.*

The Lord has prepared his seat in heaven. Alleluia.

Peter Philips (?1560-1628), Psalm 47: 5 and 103: 19

The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that richly bearing the fruit of good works
they may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

THE DISMISSAL

The Blessing

Priest The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

The priest pronounces God's blessing, which is followed by the Dismissal -

The Mass is ended. Go in the peace of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**



The Mass concludes with the Angelus which recalls the centrality of the Incarnation as we are sent out to live the faith we have proclaimed.

The Angelus

Priest The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.
All **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary ...

Priest Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.
All **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary ...

Priest And the word was made flesh.
All **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary ...

Priest Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God:
All **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Priest Almighty God, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✕ Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Acclamations on Christus vincit (from Suite Medievale)
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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