



THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2024

CHRIST THE KING

WITH THE COMMISSIONING OF CAROLINE CULLEY  
AS ANNA CHAPLAIN

PARISH EUCHARIST 10am

Revd Preb Kelvin Price *President*  
Caroline Culley *Preacher*

Dr Andrew Padmore BEM *Conductor*  
Catharine Boyd-Moss *Organist*  
The Choir of St. Laurence's

## WELCOME

We warmly welcome you to St Laurence's, especially if you are a visitor or newcomer to our congregation. Please be aware that this service will be live-streamed and the recording will be available on YouTube afterwards.

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Picture on front cover: Christ the King – 8<sup>th</sup> century fresco from the Basilica of Ss Cosmas & Damian in the Forum, Rome

# THE GATHERING

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now:  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty Victor's brow.

2. The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
and heaven's eternal Light;

3. The joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love,  
and grants his name to know.

4. To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace, is given:  
their name, an everlasting name,  
their joy, the joy of heaven.

5. They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above;  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love.

6. The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly 1769-1855

ST MAGNUS

## THE GREETING

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

The Lord be with you  
**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.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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.

**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**

## ABSOLUTION

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.**

*If you are able, please stand*

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*[Organ]* *ff* Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est. *J* Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on  
earth. Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*[ff]* Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
*f* Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
*mf* Lord, Je - sus 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 sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our  
*f* prayer. *f* Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est. *f* high - est. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High. Je - sus Christ.  
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
*ff* Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
*ff* Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Let us pray

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**

*Please sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel.

As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousand served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgement,  
and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 93** *Dominus regnavit*

*The Choir sings*

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

2. He hath made the round world so sure: that it cannot be moved.

3. Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared: thou art from everlasting.

4. The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice: the floods lift up their waves.

5. The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly: but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

6. Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure: holiness becometh thine house for ever.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Revelation I. 4b - 8**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*If you are able, please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*1st time Choir*

*2nd time Choir & Congregation*



*Choir*

You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
The eternal Son of the Father.

*Repeat Alleluia*

## GOSPEL READING John 18. 33 – 37

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John



Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.





*Please sit*

SERMON

*Silence is kept*

*If you are able, please stand*

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.**

*Please sit*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us with confidence present our prayers and supplications to the throne of grace.

We pray for all those in positions of power,  
that they may govern with wisdom and integrity,  
serving the needs of their people.

May your reign come;

**Lord, hear our prayer**

We pray for the Church, the sign of your reign,  
that it may extend your welcome to people of every race and background.

May your kingdom come;

**Lord, hear our prayer**

We pray for Christians of every denomination,  
that together we may come to understand  
the royal priesthood you bestowed on us in baptism.

May your dominion come;

**Lord, hear our prayer**

We pray for those whose commitment to truth  
brings them into conflict with earthly powers,  
that they may have the courage to endure.

May your rule come;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community of faith,  
that attentive to your word  
we may always worship in spirit and in truth.

May your reign come;

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart  
is greater than the power of wealth and might.

Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our King;

to him be glory and power for ever.

**Amen**

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*If you are able, please stand*

## THE PEACE

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  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.

HW Baker 1821-1877

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

DOMINUS REGIT ME

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

## TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

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.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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,

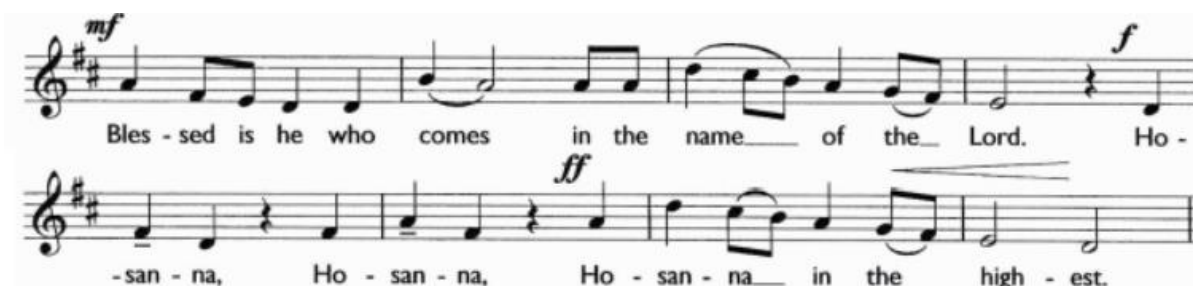
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host,

we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise.

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

[Organ] *mf* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *f* Ho - san - na,  
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne b 1950

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
Until you come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Please sit*

*Silence is kept*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## AGNUS DEI

The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff is labeled [Organ] and has a dynamic marking of *mp*. The lyrics for the organ part are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us." The second staff has a dynamic marking of *mf*. The lyrics for the vocal part are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us." The third staff has a dynamic marking of *mf*. The lyrics for the vocal part are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us." The fourth staff has a dynamic marking of *mf*. The lyrics for the vocal part are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us." The fifth staff has a dynamic marking of *mp*. The lyrics for the vocal part are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us." The sixth staff has a dynamic marking of *p* and a tempo marking of *non rall.*. The lyrics for the vocal part are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us." The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata.

Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne b 1950

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

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

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

*The people receive communion.*

*To the words of distribution the communicant replies **Amen.***

*Communicant members of any Christian Church are welcome to receive communion here. All others are invited to come for a blessing, holding this service sheet.*

*The Choir sings*

Ave verum Corpus, natum  
De Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum, immolatum  
In cruce pro homine:  
Cuius latus perforatum  
Unda fluxit et sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
In mortis examine

*Hail the true body, born  
of the Virgin Mary:  
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed  
on the cross for the sake of man:  
From whose pierced side  
flowed water and blood:  
Be a foretaste for us  
in the trial of death.*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756-1791

*Silence is kept*

## POST COMMUNION COLLECT

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## THE COMMISSIONING

St Paul, writing to the Christians in Rome says, 'For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.' (Romans 12: 4-8)

People of God, Christ invites each of us to faithful discipleship and service. We are all called to different ministries as we seek to live God's love. As we commission Caroline today, will you, with her, and as baptised disciples of Christ, renew your commitment to the loving service of God, of one another and of all people?

**All With the help of God, we will.**



Caroline has been called to work as an Anna Chaplain. Will you, as the people of God here in this place, support and pray for her in her ministry?

**All**            **With the help of God, we will**

*The Rector addresses the one to be commissioned*

Caroline , you have been chosen to be an Anna Chaplain. Do you believe that God is calling you to this service?

**Caroline**    **I do**

Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, seek to perform it prayerfully and in a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration?

**Caroline**    **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek to develop the faith, gifts and skills God has given you as you share in Christ's mission and ministry?

**Caroline**    **With the help of God, I will**

Heavenly Father, send down your Holy Spirit on your servant whom you have called to this ministry. Help her to listen patiently, respond wisely and pray faithfully. Give her courage to speak up for those whose voice may not otherwise be heard. May her hands be ready to do your work. May her eyes be open to recognise those in need. May her ears hear soft-spoken words of pain and sorrow. May her voice speak of healing and peace. May her feet walk the extra mile with those who falter, and may she always be aware of your presence guiding her and your loving protection around her in all that she does.

**All**            **Amen.**

*If you are able, please stand*

# THE DISMISSAL

## THE BLESSING

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

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,  
that you may reign with him in glory;  
and the blessing ☩ of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

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

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

How shall I sing that majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
thy throne, O God most high;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
thy praise; but who am I?

2. Thy brightness unto them appears,  
whilst I thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears,  
but they behold thy face:  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
with all my fire and light;  
yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.

3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
in flame it with love's fire;  
then shall I sing and bear a part  
with that celestial choir.  
They sing, because thou art their sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heaven is but once begun  
there alleluias be.

4. How great a being, Lord, is thine,  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep:  
thou art a sea without a shore,  
a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore,  
thy place is everywhere.

John Mason 1646-1694

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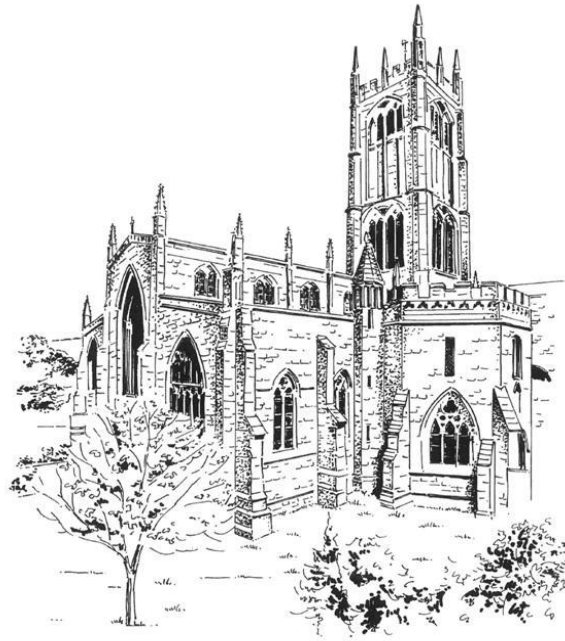
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## **Next Sunday's Services**

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Choral Eucharist  
7pm Advent Carol Service

## **Advent and Christmas Services 2024**

Tuesday 10 December	6pm	Living Nativity (Market Square)
Wednesday 18 December	7pm	Service of Light for the Bereaved
Sunday 22 December	7pm	Carols in the Castle
Monday 23 December	7pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
Tuesday 24 December	4pm	Christingle
	11.15pm	Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25 December	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Family Christmas Service



*An inclusive church welcoming everyone*



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