

St. **Anne's** Church, Chingford

Christ the King - 21st November 2021

Informal Eucharist 10.00

Welcomers: Otis Griffin, Nina Hammarberg

Server: Alan Pearson
Lessons: Otis Griffin
Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer

Music: Peter Stannard

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HYMN 425 Let all the world in every corner sing

GATHERING

We gather in praise of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Silence is kept.

ThisThursday
Friday25th November14.00BazaarWeekSaturday26th November10.00EucharistWeekSaturday27th November10.00Bazaar

Sunday 28th November 10.00 Parish Eucharist

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our greed and repent of the ways in which we have damaged God's good creation:

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us.

Lord have mercy.

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.

Christ have mercy.

We confess to you our failure to protect the environment.

Lord have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

GLORIA



Glory in the highest to the God of heaven; Peace to all your people through the Earth be given. Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring, Sing Alleluia to our heavenly King Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son; With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone. Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear, Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world true Saviour, high and holy one, Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne: Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores: In the Father's Glory, all the praise be yours!

In a time of silence, let us pray that our worship will bring us closer to the one who has created all things.

Glorious God,

the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work: increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it, that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



FIRST READING Revelation 1.4b-8

HYMN 711 The head that once was crowned with thorns

GOSPEL John 6.1-15

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION



HYMN

How we trust and work together with our partners on this earth, will sustain, or damn our planet, place of nurture, home of birth.

Yet removed and isolated we have not been stewards of faith, as we pray with understanding may we channel active grace.

May our prayer inspire our actions, not just words or empty rhyme, all our lives are interactive, interwoven threads in time.

With a common understanding sisters, brothers work as one, reap the value of creation as our time on earth is run.

PRAYER OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe that Creation is a gift of God, an expression of our Creator's goodness.

We believe that as human beings we are part of this creation and that we share in a special way in the creative power of God.

We believe that the resources of land and waters and air are precious gifts from our Creator, to be used and looked after with loving care.

We believe that God entered into creation in Jesus our Saviour and that the beauty of the world is His tender smile.

We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit, to change us, renew us and inspire our responsibility to share the fruits of creation fairly and to care for the earth and all she has brought forth. Amen.



INTERCESSIONS

We pray for the Church: that she may be a beacon of hope throughout the world, reminding us all of our responsibility to care for and protect God's precious gift of creation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the world, our common home: that through God's grace we may hear its cry of the damage done and be moved to protect it for future generations to enjoy.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those people who are already facing droughts, floods and storms: that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor and be inspired to respond at this crucial time.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the world we live in: that God may open our eyes to recognise the goodness of all creation and help us to do what we can to restore and care for the wonderful gift that we have been given.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for world leaders: that God may grant them wisdom to make just decisions which respect the earth and all that lives in it, especially those who are poorest and most vulnerable.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our local community: that through God's grace we may be good neighbours to each other and to the whole of creation, restoring and caring for all that God has made.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We ask you to hear us good Lord for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



SIGN OF 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.**

HYMN

During this hymn, the gifts are brought to the table

Just imagine death and illness, overtaking life and health, poverty of moral action favouring our human wealth. Politicians take decisions, what is their priority:
Love of neighbour? Economics?
What does Christ expect of me?

Every person on this planet, worthy of the dignity, dignity of healthy living, heir to our prosperity, needs the food to answer hunger, pure, fresh water for her thirst; but injustice threads through choices hoards the best, then trades the worst.

Conflict, climate, infestation, ruined crops, polluted streams; sign the time for human action: not just words or empty dreams. Faith and politics together, people of each race and clime, we must join in one endeavour: save this earth while there's still time!



As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Amen.

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.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:



We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Jesus Christ will come again.

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with St Anne, St Andrew, St Edmund and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

Amen.

And now, as Jesus 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



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 your Peace.

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

Distribution of Holy Communion

Silence is kept.

Creator God,
send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,
that the whole creation,
in its groaning and striving,
may know your loving purpose
and come to reflect your glory;
in Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

DISMISSAL

'While all creatures stand in expectation, what will be the result of our liberty?'
(Thomas Traherne)

As the whole of creation looks with eager longing for the redemption of humankind, let us pledge ourselves anew to serve our Creator God, the Father who is the maker of all things, the Son through whom all things are made, and the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who renews the face of the earth.

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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

HYMN 638 Rejoice the Lord is King

We do not take a collection at St. Anne's as we have a Free Will Offering scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church. If you would like to join the **Free Will Offering** scheme please speak to Andy Crawford, Lindsey Archer or the church wardens.

St Anne's Bazaar, Thursday 25th November 2-5pm and Saturday 27th November 10am - 2pm. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Bazaar preparations. If you can take raffle tickets or posters, or can help on either day, please speak to Heather or Anthony. And do come along to support the bazaar if you can.

Fair Trade Products—Jonathan Bailey cannot be at our bazaar this year unfortunately. He has however agree to join us on Sunday 28th November to sell some fair trade produce after the service. There are fair trade Advent calendars available to pre-order. There are order sheets at the back of church.

Advent Course—We shall be running an Advent Course for the MMU with St Andrews and St Edmunds again this year. The course will be on Wednesdays 1st, 8th and 15th December at 8pm. Once again this will be held by Zoom. The course is entitled Light in the Darkness. It aims to help us to reflect, at the darkest time of the year, on our calling to be Lights for Christ and has been written in the context of the COVID crisis.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

We remember in prayer each day all those both known and unknown to us who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who have care of them, for all who are living with difficulties and trouble at this time and for all who will enter eternity this week.

Anniversaries for November: 1st Frederica Wood, Thelma Mensing, Maude Stannard 2nd Wilhelmina Hoffman 4th Gwendoline Salen 5th David Rolfe 6th Grace Pickard, Pauline Rolph, 8th Emily Ralph, 12th Elsie Maloney, 13th Donald Patton, 14th Jack Newnham, 15th Henry Hebbard, Alfred Burnett, 21st George Digman, 23rd, Graham Miller, Brian Warner, 27th, Gladys Larsen, Peter John Smith, 28th Lillian Taylor, 30th, Laurence Mountford.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen