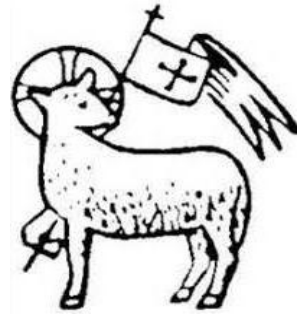


St John the Baptist, Aldenham

Sunday 23rd November 2025

The Festival of Christ the King

10:30am Holy Communion (CW) – 6:30pm Evensong



Collect of the Day

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.

10:30am HOLY COMMUNION (COMMON WORSHIP)

We are delighted to welcome back The Revd. Robert Fletcher to celebrate and preach.

**Please refer to the Mass of St Thomas booklet for the music.*

Opening Hymn: *NEH 436 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

Gathering, Prayer of Preparation, Summary of the Law

Confession and Absolution

***Gloria**

Collect

Epistle: *Colossians 1.11-20, read by Esther Pedler*

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gradual Hymn: *NEH 394 Let all the world in every corner sing* → *continues over*

Gospel: *Luke 23.33-43, read by the minister*

***Acclamation:** *Glory to you, O Lord!*

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

***Accl.:** *Praise to you, O Christ!*

Sermon

Creed

Prayers of Intercession *led by Mark Jones*

Peace

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn: *NEH 440 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation*

***Preface**

***Sanctus and Benedictus**

Eucharistic Prayer

***Accl.:** *Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again!*

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

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

***Agnus Dei**

Prayer before Communion / Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymns: *NEH 298 May the grace of Christ our Saviour*

NEH 459 The Lord's my shepherd

(separate sheet) I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord)

Closing Hymn: *NEH 413 Now thank we all our God*

Blessing / *Dismissal

Please be invited to remain in the Church for coffee after the service.

6:30pm EVENSONG

We are delighted to welcome back The Revd. Philip Green to lead the service.

Opening Hymn: *NEH 140 Holy Spirit, come confirm us*

General Confession

Collect for Absolution

Lord's Prayer

Preces and Responses

Psalm: 72, vv. 1-7

OT Lesson: *1 Samuel 8.4–20, read by Andrew Whittington*

Magnificat

NT Lesson: *John 18.33–37, read by Jill Gillam*

Nunc Dimittis

Creed

Lesser Litany and Responses

Collect for the Day, Second and Third Collect

Address

Second Hymn: *NEH 456 Teach me, my God and King*

Prayers

Closing Hymn: *NEH 393 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

Blessing



PRAYER LIST

*Please **pray** for: Fiona McGuinness, Isla Hart, Natalia, Rostislav Myslov, Lucy Haslar, and John Chapman.*

NOTICES

***Next Sunday:** 10:30am Matins; 6:30pm Evensong.*

***Children's Church** will be held on the first Sunday of every month.*

***Parking** is available in the Social Club Car Park for the Morning Service. Please leave the space outside the church for those less able.*

***Pastoral Care** If you need care or assistance at any time, please do not hesitate to contact Sue Barnard or Jackie Wilson. This can be done either in person on Sunday, through the contact box on the website or by calling Jackie on 07949 587828.*

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