

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.'



Gospel Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

THE NICENE CREED followed by PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN # 638 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

The service continues on Page 12 of the Service Booklet

FINAL HYMN # 14 All hail the power of Jesus' name

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

The service is followed by coffee

NOTICES

1. Today, we welcome Canon Tony MONDS, with his wife Jenny, as our Locum until the end of the year.
2. Our former Chaplain, Tom WILSON, has sent some beautiful calendars of Canadian churches to be sold in aid of Church funds at €10 each. They are at the back of the church. Please pay for them in the cards' money tin.
3. Please sign the list on the notice board if you wish to come to the Christmas lunch.

Service on Sunday 30th November : Communion with Tony MONDS
(First Sunday of Advent)
Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

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**A VERY WARM
 WELCOME
 TO OUR SERVICE
 THIS MORNING**

Christianity is not a religion,
 it is a relationship

Robert B. THIEME
 (1918—2009)



Christ as King—C19th fresco by Karl von BLASS

Sunday 23rd November 2025
Sunday before Advent
Christ the King

Chaplain (Locum)
Warden & Secretary
Warden
Music Director & Vice-Chair
Congregational Worship Leader

Canon. Tony **Monds**
 Peter **Owen**
 Bérengère **Ross**
 Shirley **Rowson**
 Alastair **Ross**

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COMMUNION SERVICE

NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 150 Crown him with many crowns

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION, GLORIA

COLLECT PRAYER 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. Amen

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

(23:1-6)

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and **righteousness** in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our **righteousness**.'

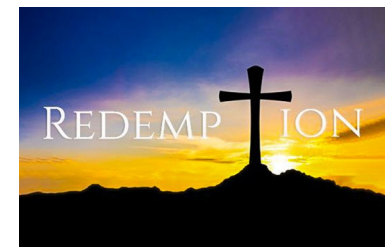
**Grace can pardon our ungodliness and
justify us with Christ's righteousness.**

John BUNYAN (1628-1688)

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS (1:11-20)

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.



Reader: This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL HYMN # 507 Meekness and majesty

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

(23:33-43)

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