



Wychwood Benefice

Kingdom Season
Holy Communion

Introduction

Kingdom Season takes us from All Saints' to Advent. We have in our minds our unity of worship with all the redeemed, known and unknown who are now in heaven. All too often it is too tempting to think of ourselves as individuals in the life of faith. It is good therefore to have a period in the Church's year when the focus is on something much broader. Not just the gathered church community where we worship, not just the Wychwood Benefice or Church of England or Anglican Communion - which are all capable of petty argument and dispute. Rather, we are called to remember and rejoice with the whole of the Church, the body of Christ, known and unknown, who join us in worship throughout the ages and to all eternity.

Processional Hymn

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ 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.**

Prayer of Penitence

The kingdom is yours, but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours, but we trust in our own power and strength:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours, but we fall short of the glory of God:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**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.**

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.

Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God...

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

Glory to God, Glory to God...

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

Glory to God, Glory to God...

Collect

Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel

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

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

which may end

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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.

Offertory Hymn

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

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.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with N and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour 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.**

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

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.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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.**

Prayer after Communion

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son
and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.**

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;

we who drink his cup bring life to others;

we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

so we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Hymn

Acclamation

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is the King of glory?’

**‘The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.’**

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is this King of glory?’

‘The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.’

The Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing...

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.