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Sunday 21 November 2021
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

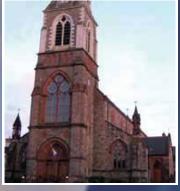
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'All who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

John 18:37









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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon

R v.5:12; 1:6

All: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

to receive power and divinity,

and wisdom and strength and honour.

To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and

of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,

and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred

mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned,

in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

Striking your breast as you say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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GLORIA

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

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. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: Almighty ever-living God,

whose will is to restore all things

in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,

grant, we pray,

that the whole creation, set free from slavery,

may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the

Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amén.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Daniel

7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,

one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship,

and men of all peoples, nations and languages

became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty

which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 92:1-2. 5. R v.1

(R) The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

- The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. (R)
- The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R)
- 3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9-10

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

All:

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit. Priest: A reading from the holy

Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stands

THE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Congregation sits

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar.

The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

for through your goodness we have received

the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

> The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ

who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received

the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day

be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice Priest:

by which the human race is reconciled to you,

we humbly pray,

that your Son himself may bestow on all nations

the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Congregation stands

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III

Priest: The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. All:

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord. All:

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just. All:

PREFACE (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

For you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption and, making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice and peace.

And so, with angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

ACCLAMATION

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

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.

Congregation kneels

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord,

the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and + Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY

WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Therefore, as we celebrate Priest:

the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: 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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,

graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope

and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory

are yours now and for ever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ,

who said to your Apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,

look not on our sins,

but on the faith of your Church,

and graciously grant her peace and unity

in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord

Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

grant us peace.

Congregation kneels
The celebrant says quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, free all provides and free parts and free and fre

from all my sins and from every evil;

keep me always faithful to your commandments,

and never let me be parted from you.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Priest: May the Body of Christ

keep me safe for eternal life.

Priest: May the Blood of Christ

keép me safe for eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 28:10-11

All: The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray.

Having received the food of immortality,

we ask, O Lord,

that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ,

the King of the universe, we may live with him

eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May the peace of God,

which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen

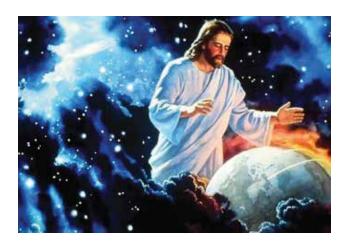
Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the

people, says:

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

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THE LITURGICAL YEAR ENDS TODAY WITH THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE.

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the universe. All that has been created has been made for You. Make full use of Your rights over me.

I renew the promises I made in Baptism, when I renounced Satan and all his pomps and works, and I promise to live a good Christian life and to do all in my power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer you my efforts in order to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge your Sacred Royalty, and that thus the Kingdom of your peace may be established throughout the universe.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 22 November – St Cecilia Tuesday 23 November – St Columbanus Wednesday 24 November – SS Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

ADVENT RETREAT: "AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US" WITH THE DRUMALIS TEAM AND FR PERRY GILDEA CM: FRIDAY, 10 - SUNDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2021

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This year, as Bishop of the Diocese, I have designated **Sunday 21st November** as '**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY'**. This is an opportunity for all the parishes to come together and acknowledge the dedication of hundreds of parish volunteers who serve in the ministry of Safeguarding across the Diocese. During the celebration of the Sunday liturgy, we will renew our commitment to the pastoral care of victims of sexual abuse as well as children, young people, and adults in our parishes. **THIS AFTERNOON AT 3PM, I WILL LEAD A PRAYER SERVICE FROM ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL.** Everyone is welcome to join online with me and diocesan representatives of Safeguarding for this Prayer Service via Church Services TV. To join, kindly follow the links to the Cathedral webcam: http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral + *Noel Treanor*

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We pray for our dead: -

Recently Deceased: Jacqueline Flanagan: Michael Agnew.

First Anniversary: Jacqueline Barlow.

Anniversaries: John Hughes: John & Joan O'Kane: James McMahon: Sean & Bridie Adair: John Martin:

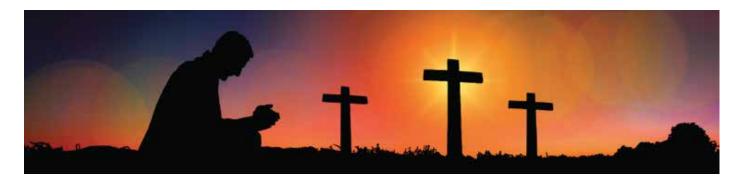
Bridget McCaugherty: Harry Jennings: Andru, Czesla & Margaret Zalewski: Robert & Elezabbet McNaly: Aaron Finlay:

Robert Joseph (Joe) Laverty: Mary Brennan. May they rest in peace.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The 10.00am morning Mass during the month of November will be offered for the Holy Souls.

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God our Father, Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in your presence, their lives change but do not end.
I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.
In company with Christ, Who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family, to sing your praise forever and ever.

Amen.

Gospel Commentary

Do you know the word 'Maranatha'? Don't be too hard on yourself if you don't: it's an Aramaic word. Aramaic was the language that Jesus spoke. Depending on how you read it, the scholars tell us, it means "Come, Lord!" (marana-tha) or 'The Lord is come' (maran-atha).

'Maranatha' was an early Christian prayer for the return of Christ. St Paul used it in 1 Cor. 16:22. And it occurs in Rev. 22:20,21: "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Maranatha! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen." Those are the closing words of the Bible. In 1883 an early Christian book called the Didachè was discovered, which caused immense excitement; it was written in the first century, and was an unexpected glimpse into the early days of the Christian faith. Among other things it contains an account of the Eucharist. I quote a small part. Look out for the word maranatha.

"Lord, remember your Church; deliver it from evil, perfect it in your love, sanctify it, and gather it from the four winds into the kingdom you have prepared for it.
Response: Yours is the power and the glory for ever and ever!

Let Grace [Jesus] come, and this present world pass away. Response: Hosanna to the God of David!

Whoever is holy, let him approach. Whoever is not, let him repent. Response: Maranatha. Amen."

Did they say maran-atha, or marana-tha? Either would make sense, and the Christian faith needs both senses. The kingdom of God is here and at the same time yet to come; it is present but not completed.

The gospels tell us that "the kingdom of God is among you" (Luke 17:21). They also say that it is still to come: in the Our Father we say "May your kingdom come!" (Matthew 6:10).

The kingdom of God is already here in the sense that Jesus lives within and among us now. But we know also that his presence is obscured by the continued presence of evil in the world. Individuals and institutions are very far from being aligned on the will of God, and so the kingdom is incomplete. St Paul imagines Christ eventually handing over a perfect kingdom to God his Father (1 Cor. 15:24), but since it is not yet perfect, his ultimate triumph is delayed. Origen (born in 185 A.D.) wrote the following: "Christ said, "I will not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father' (Matthew 26:29). For as long as we fail to rise to his level he cannot drink this wine all alone... We delay his joy. Until I hand over my life to the Father his life is not fully handed over. Without you he cannot receive his full glory. Without you: that is, without his people, who are his body and his limbs."

We are more inclined to think of the kingdom as still to come: a region beyond the grave. This is reinforced by the phrase 'kingdom of heaven.' The situation is even worse in some other languages, such as French and German, where the one word means 'sky' and 'heaven'. We are tempted to think of God's kingdom as up there somewhere. That phrase 'kingdom of heaven' comes from Matthew's gospel; the other gospels say 'kingdom of God.' Matthew was writing specifically for Jews, and Jews did not like to use the name 'God', out of respect. Instead, Matthew wrote 'kingdom of heaven'. But this should not suggest to us that it is somewhere above the clouds. Christ wants to be king here, not king of the clouds.

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