



JOHN KEBLE CHURCH

Welcome to John Keble Church

22 November 2020, 10am

Parish Eucharist, *Christ the King*

John Keble: Poet

Today was to have been a service led by Bishop Rob to launch the hymn writing of our vicar, Simon Rowbory. Whilst there have had to be some changes to the service because of Covid restrictions the music choices are those that were originally set for this service as all of them connect to JK. Simon took inspiration from the writings of John Keble and has himself written 65 poems, many of which will be sung as hymns over the next 12 months, and which should become part of JK's history. The hymn after the first reading (Sing praise to God) has words by Johann Jakob Schutz with music by Diane Rees. The hymn after the Peace (Morning Light) is with words by Simon Rowbory, and the music is Adoro Te. The last hymn (Christ crucified) is another with words by Simon Rowbory. The music was written by Simon Rowbory and Jeremy Beal. If you have time either before or after the service, I urge you to look at the poetry used in all these hymns, but we start today's service with a hymn that will be familiar to you, with words by John Keble.

Diane Rees

The HYMN: Words John Keble; Music Samuel Webbe the elder (1740-1816)

New every morning is the love
Our waking and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.

² New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

³ If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.

⁴ The trivial round, the common task,
would furnish all we ought to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.

5 Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.

The GREETING:

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The RITE OF PENITENCE:

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away
from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our
neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through
weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all
our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all
that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of
your name. Amen.**

The ABSOLUTION:

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. *All: Amen.*

The COLLECT:

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. *All: Amen*

PSALM 40: 1-6

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

2 He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet
upon a rock and made my footing sure.

3 He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.

5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God. How great your designs for us! There is none that can be compared with you.

6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of them they would be more than I am able to express.

The FIRST READING: Colossians 3: 12-17

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The HYMN: words by Johann Jakob Schutz; music by Diane Rees

Sing praise to God who reigns above,

The Lord is never far away,

the God of all creation,

but, through all grief distressing,

the God of power, the God of love,

an ever-present help and stay,

the God of our salvation;

our peace and joy and blessing;

With healing balm my soul he fills,

As with a mother's tender hand

and every faithless murmur stills:

he leads his own, his chosen band:

To God all praise and glory!

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Thus all my gladsome way along

I sing aloud thy praises,

that all may hear the grateful song

my voice unwearied raises;

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;

both soul and body bear your part:

To God all praise and glory!

The GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25: 31-46

Reader: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ 'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." ³⁷ 'Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?" ⁴⁰ 'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." ⁴¹ 'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me." ⁴⁴ 'They also will answer, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?" ⁴⁵ 'He will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me." ⁴⁶ 'Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic

Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presider: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ let us pray to the Father.

The Intercessions:

Using the form: Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

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

The PEACE:

Presider: 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.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The HYMN "Morning Light": Words by Simon Rowbory, Music: Adoro te devote

As frosty ground is warmed by sunlight's rays;

So may your gospel warm my heart today.

May Christ dwell in my whole being in grace;

Your Spirit moving to fill all my ways.

Your morning light wakes my whole self to see

Your love in Christ on the cross giv'n for me;

May I be like Christ to love and to give;

Made more like him all his kind ways to live.

With morning light, you lift open our eyes;

This day to teach, and through your truth make wise;

For me to learn, to know your wonders more;

Your excellencies this day to explore.

Sunlight to show me the beauty of the earth;

May I today join in with its new birth;

To beautify and enfold in your light;

'til all things glow at your bright glory's sight.

In every word and work may I proclaim;

All of your glory in thanks and acclaim.

Dawn in my heart, your joy to scatter night;

My every breath, to live, lit by your light.

The EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, to be our great high priest and king of all creation. As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace. As king he claims dominion over all your creatures, that he may bring before your infinite majesty a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise, saying:

All: **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.**

The Presider continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues:

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

The LORD'S PRAYER and The BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

Uniting our prayers with those of the Church Universal, we say in our own language the prayer that Jesus 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.

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

The 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.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERS:

Let us pray *Silence is kept*

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing

forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All: Amen.*

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN:

Words by Simon Rowbory; Music by Simon Rowbory and Jeremy Beal

Christ crucified – dying for us,
reconciles the far away.

We were lost, alone and helpless,
turned from God and gone astray.

As Christ cries aloud “forsaken”
and his arms are opened wide,
we are brought into God’s presence,
welcomed home as Jesus died.

² Christ crucified – offered for us,
facing judgement in my place.
Takes my blame and condemnation,
in this sacrifice of grace.

As Christ sinks down into darkness,
wrath of God borne on the cross
I’m declared by God as righteous,
seen in Christ – loved in this cost.

³ Christ crucified – given for us,
as a ransom for our sin.

Setting loose from our prison,
liberation to begin.

Piercing nails—Christ’s life a payment
love and justice satisfied,
rescue to us helpless captives,
freedom as he’s crucified.

⁴ Christ crucified – lifted for us,
as he reigns upon the cross.

For death’s chains cannot hold him
and Hell’s power has been lost.
Christ the Lord says “It is finished”
victory by thorny crown,
Love’s eternal plan accomplished,
in his triumph I am found.

Simon Rowbory – March 2020

THE BLESSING:

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to 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. *All: Amen.*

A Minister says THE DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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