



Living churches at the heart of their communities...

**St Giles', Durham,
St Cuthbert's, Shadforth and St Mary's, Sherburn**

**A Service of the Word
22 November 2020
Christ the King**



*Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95. 1-7;
Ephesians 1. 15-end; Matthew 25. 31-end*

Preparation

Greeting

O Lord, open our lips
All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Prayers of Penitence

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Silence is kept

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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.

Gloria

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Bible Reading

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

For the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95. 1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or

thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

Creed

All **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.**

Prayers

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used:

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Conclusion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord:
All **thanks be to God.
Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Notices

Many apologies to those who have received their Advent booklet and been confused by the dates! If you would like another copy with the correct dates in it, these are available in Church.

Private Prayer

Churches are open as follows:

St Giles: 10.00am to 11.00am on Tuesdays and Fridays

St Mary's: 11.00am to 12 noon on Sundays

There will be no 8.00am Holy Communion at St Giles' on the first Sunday of the month in December and January.

Morning and Evening Prayer 22 -28 November

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Sunday 22 November	Psalms 29, 110 Isaiah 4.2 - 5.7 Luke 19. 29-38	Psalms 93 2 Samuel 23. 1-7 Matthew 28. 16-end
Monday 23 November Clement, bishop, c.100	Psalms 92, 96 Isaiah 40. 1-11 Revelation 14. 1-13	Psalms 80, 81 Isaiah 14. 3-20 Matthew 9. 18-34
Tuesday 24 November	Psalms 97, 98,100 Isaiah 40. 12-26 Revelation 14.14 - end of 15	Psalms 99, 101 Isaiah 17 Matthew 9.35 - 10.15
Wednesday 25 November	Psalms 110, 111, 112 Isaiah 40.27 - 41.7 Revelation 16. 1-11	Psalms 121, 122, 123, 124 Isaiah 19 Matthew 10. 16-33
Thursday 26 November	Psalms 125, 126, 127, 128 Isaiah 41. 8-20 Revelation 16. 12-end	Psalms 131, 132, 133 Isaiah 21. 1-12 Matthew 10.34 - 11.1
Friday 27 November	Psalms 139 Isaiah 41.21 - 42.9 Revelation 17	Psalms 146, 147 Isaiah 22. 1-14 Matthew 11. 2-19
Saturday 28 November	Psalms 145 Isaiah 42. 10-17 Revelation 18	Psalms 148, 149, 150 Isaiah 24 Matthew 11. 20-end