

THE PARISH OF  
DARWEN SAINT CUTHBERT  
WITH  
TOCKHOLES SAINT STEPHEN



**The Feast of  
CHRIST THE KING**

**HOLY EUCHARIST  
with  
CONFIRMATION**

**21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

*Celebrant and Preacher  
The Right Reverend Philip North, Bishop of Burnley*

*Please stand when the bell rings*

*Please wear a mask to sing*

**Opening Hymn:**

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!***

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!***

*Bishop* I will go unto the altar of God  
*All* **Even the God of my joy and gladness**

*Bishop* Our help is in the name of the Lord  
*All* **Who has made heaven and earth**

**REDEDICATION OF THE RESTORED ALTAR FRONTAL**

**Hymn continues:**

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!***

**Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!***

**So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!***

*Bishop* In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

*Bishop* Peace be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

*The Bishop welcomes the people and introduces the Eucharist.*

## PENITENTIAL KYRIES

Lord Jesus Christ you raise us to new life by your triumph over death we have been saved open our hearts as we celebrate these myst'ries.

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison**

Lord Jesus Christ you forgive us all our sins as we turn to you in sorrow make us whole open our hearts as we plead your forgiveness.

**Christe eleison, Christe eleison**

Lord Jesus Christ you feed us with your body your blood has been outpoured that we might live open our hearts as we come into your presence.

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison**

*The Bishop says the absolution.*

*The people respond:* **Amen.**

## GLORIA (*David Thorne - Mass of St Thomas*)

**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, Heav'nly King,**

**Almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**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, Glory to God in the highest.**

**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, Glory to God in the highest.**

## COLLECT

Let us pray

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.**

*please sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*A reading from the prophet Daniel*

*(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 ever be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*A reading from the book of Revelation*

*(Revelation 1:5-8)*

Jesus Christ, 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*please stand*

## CELTIC ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘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.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON – Bishop Philip

*please sit*

*Please wear a mask to sing*

**Hymn:**      **Come down, O Love divine,  
seek Thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

## THE LITURGY OF INITIATION

*The candidates are presented to the congregation*

*The Bishop asks the candidates:*

Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

*Answer*      **I have.**

*The Bishop asks all the candidates*

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

*Answer*      **I am.**

*The Bishop addresses the candidates:*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

*Answer*      **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

*Answer*      **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

*Answer*      **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*Answer*      **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*Answer*      **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

*Answer*      **I come to Christ.**

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ  
give you strength to continue in the Way.

*All*            **Amen.**

*The candidates gather at the baptismal font.*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The Bishop addresses the congregation*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with these candidates, the faith of the Church.

*All*            Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*All*            Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?  
**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.**

*All*            Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**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.**

*The candidates for confirmation come forward to the font and sign themselves with water.*

*Then all pray together*

*All*            **Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptized into your name.  
Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

*The Bishop and the candidates gather again at the front of the Church.  
Congregation please kneel or sit, prayerfully*

## THE CONFIRMATION

*The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and says*

*All*            Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

*All*            Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says*

*All*            Almighty and ever-living God,  
                 you have given these your servants  
                 new birth in baptism by water and the Spirit,  
                 and have forgiven them all their sins.  
                 Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:  
                 the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;  
                 the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;  
                 the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;  
                 and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The Bishop addresses each candidate by name*

*N, God has called you by name and made you his own.*

*He then lays his hand on the head of each, saying*

*All*            Confirm, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*He also anoints each of them with the Oil of Chrism.*

*The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all the candidates.*

*All*            **Defend, O Lord, these your servants**  
**with your heavenly grace,**  
**that they may continue yours for ever,**  
**and daily increase in your Holy Spirit**  
**more and more**  
**until they come to your everlasting kingdom.**  
**Amen.**



## COMMISSION

*Bishop* Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.  
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*Answer* **With the help of God, I will.**

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and,  
whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*Answer* **With the help of God, I will.**

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?

*Answer* **With the help of God, I will.**

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,  
loving your neighbour as yourself?

*Answer* **With the help of God, I will.**

*Bishop* Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,  
by prayer for the world and its leaders,  
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

*Answer* **With the help of God, I will.**

*Bishop* May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Bishop* Let us pray to the Father, in the power of the Spirit, through Christ who ever  
lives and reigns to intercede for us.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for our Confirmation today.  
May you rule as King in all our hearts,  
and by the grace of the Holy Spirit may we live each day in the Father's love.

*Answer* Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Servant King.  
May the rulers of the world seek mercy and justice for all your people.  
Teach us to reach out in love and action to those most in need.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Answer

Lord Jesus, you established your kingdom to bring healing and reconciliation.  
Hear us as we pray for those in any kind of pain or distress.  
May their lives be renewed by your healing presence.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Answer

Lord Jesus, enthroned at the right hand of the Father,  
welcome into your peace those who have died.  
May they know the forgiveness of their sins  
and fullness of life in the Resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Answer

*Bishop* Father, accept our prayers with the prayers of Mary, Cuthbert, Stephen and all  
your saints through your Son, Jesus our Lord and King.

**Amen.**

Answer

## THE PEACE

*The Bishop introduces the Peace in these or other suitable words*

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and,  
as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*All*

*Please wear a mask to sing*

### **Hymn at the Offertory:**

**O thou who camest from above,  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart!**

**There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work, and speak, and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make my sacrifice complete.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Bishop* Pray, my 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 Church.**

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Bishop* As we offer you, O Lord,  
the sacrifice 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.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Bishop* The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise**

*Bishop continues with the Preface.*

...for ever praising you and singing:

*All* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory:  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*kneel or sit*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

*Minister* Great is the mystery of faith:  
*All* **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*Bishop* And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Cuthbert, St. Chad, St. Stephen and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Bishop invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer*

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
and so we have the courage 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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Agnus Dei is sung:*

**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.**

*Bishop*     Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold him who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessèd are those who are called to his supper.

*All*        **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Bishop*     The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

*The Bishop and the people receive communion.*

*If you wish to just receive a blessing, please go to the Priest carrying this sheet.*

*Please receive your communion, in one kind, from the Priest at the front of the Nave. Move down the centre aisle and return to your seat via the side aisles.*

*At the distribution the minister says to each communicant:*

*Answer:*     The Body of Christ  
**Amen**

**ANTHEM** – I will sing with the spirit – John Rutter

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*stand*

*Bishop* Let us pray.

God of mercy,  
by whose grace alone we are accepted  
and equipped for your service:  
stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit  
and make us worthy of our calling;  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

*stand*

*Bishop* The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

*The Bishop gives each candidate a lighted candle. These candles are lit from the Paschal candle.*

*When all have received a candle, the Bishop says*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.  
You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

*All* **Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Minister* Go in the light and peace of Christ.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please wear a mask to sing*

## **Final Hymn:**

**Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Rose,  
as of that Rose the Stem;  
the Root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of Paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.**

*Please join us for refreshments:-*

*drinks at the back of church and potato pie in the side aisle.*

## OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Connie Louise Alvarez  
Nicole Grace Gardiner  
Scarlet Amy Kennedy  
Amber Rose Nebil  
Grace Olivia Wainwright  
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