

Sunday 20 November 2022

CHRIST THE KING

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# ST JAMES Islington N1 8PH



Welcomer: Ken Thompson  
Reader: Irene Phillips  
Interceder: Isabel Nisbet  
Euch Min: Maria Flavius  
Coffee: Vicky Bellamy

**Music:**  
Entry AM713 Lord of all hopefulness  
Gradual AM621 Dear Lord and Father  
Baptism AM389 Spirit of God  
Offertory AM748 O Jesus I have p.  
P-Comm AM576 And did those feet  
Final AM218 Thine be the glory  
Mass Mass of All Nations

**Collect: Father God, your Son reigned on earth as a servant, the king who was rejected. Reveal to us his true majesty so that we, like him, may be clothed in righteousness and may shine with a power that springs from your heavenly kingdom. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**WELCOME ALICE** Now that Covid is not such a threat and the Holtom's house has been successfully underpinned (!) we are so pleased that Rebecca and Rob have space in their diaries to bring Alice for her baptism! And they are bringing a large group of family and friends too so a warm welcome to each of our visitors. In our ecclesiastical timetable, today is named the 'Feast of Christ the King', the last Sunday of the Church year before Advent Sunday starts the cycle all over again next week. This is a great day for Alice's baptism as we reflect on the need to get our (Christian) foundations in place...



**ORGAN PROJECT** At last we have some organ pipes back in Church! Squeezed into the new organ chamber are some of the biggest ones, all ready to be gilded by Robert Woodland (centre) who has gilded pipes in some of the most prestigious churches in the UK and abroad. This will take some weeks to complete as drying times are extended at this time of the year. With Robert is Paul Mortier the organ builder (left) and Kevin Rutterford who has repaired all our century-old pipework in his workshop in Finchingfield, Essex. One more step...

**NEW EDUCATION COURSE** Leaflets are now available outlining the new education course we are offering over the next six months. Designed for both old and new members of the Church (including those who want to be confirmed) there is an open 'taster session' on *Tuesday 29th November, 7.30pm at the Vicarage*. I hope this will be of interest; we haven't done study groups here for some years.

**WELCOME to everyone in Church today, especially those visiting for the first time.**

- Please ask the nearest person to you in the pews if there is anything you need. There is a carpeted area in the south aisle for our smallest children. A full service booklet is available and the T-loop system works well.
- A collection of money is taken during Mass. We are very grateful for your kind support.
- At the time of communion, please feel free to come forward to the front of Church - either to receive communion or a blessing. Jesus invites everyone, you too!
- Finally, do stay for a drink after Mass if you can and say hello before you leave. If you would like to keep in touch, please fill in a white Contact Card and we'll respond asap.

*St James' Islington: discovering how to live like Jesus in the 21st century*



Between now and Advent we are inviting you to read one chapter each week from St Mark's Gospel. This week we move on to CHAPTER 11. *Long sheets of each chapter can be found on the back table.* As always we are left with a challenge because Jesus tells us that if we pray in faith, whatever we ask for will be given to us. Question: Will it? Does that always happen? And if not, how do we interpret these verses without fudging the difficulties they present?

### THIS WEEK

**KINGLEY LEWIS** We have just heard that Kingsley's dementia has advanced to the point where he has had to go into residential care. One of his daughters rang yesterday to say that the Home is in Romford which, thanks to the Elizabeth line, makes access relatively easy. More details to come.

**EYES** Thank you for all your kind concern. I had a session with a consultant at Moorfields last Tuesday. Apparently this is a bit more complicated than I had thought and will require further tests. Sadly no quick fix on tap.

Sun	CHRIST THE KING 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL, together with the Baptism of Alice Holtom. .
Mon	6.30pm Matt and Amelia prepare for their wedding on New Year's Eve.
Tues	No 9am Mass. 7pm Churchwardens meeting by zoom. 7-9pm Corsican Brass rehearsal.
Wed	10am Mass. 11am HC taken to Vivien Carlton. 7-9pm Some Voices. 7.30pm PCC meets by zoom.
Thurs	6pm Evening Prayer and Office session. 7pm Christmas tree erected in Church 7-9pm Cantallini.
Fri	2-4pm Karoline Gable rehearsal.
Sun 27	ADVENT SUNDAY 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS 'Service of Light' and SUNDAY SCHOOL. .

### Calendar and Daily prayer themes

Sun 20	CHRIST THE KING Vivienne Carlton; Chris, Katja, Arnold and Egon
Mon 21	DEL OT Week 34 Dennis Davis; Adam Dickson, Anne Fardetel
Tues 22	St Cecilia Sophie Duffy, James, Reggie and Olive Murphy
Wed 23	St Clement Luigi, Jane, Luca, Francesca, Matteo and Gloria Fakioni
Thurs 24	Feria Veronica Ferrando, Andrea, Anita, Diana and Orlando Losito
Fri 25	Isaac Watts Lisa and Sonny Follett; Wendy Fisher-Gordon
Sat 26	Feria Maria Flavius; Thomas Gerbeaux; Luke, Kika and Parker
Sun 27	ADVENT SUNDAY Mostyn, Nieve, Ilaria and Arlo Goodwin

### PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BANNS** Between George Anthony Rafael Taylor and Kate Louise Benson, both of this parish with a qualifying connection with St James', Piccadilly. These are for the 2nd time of asking.
- SICK** Jean Dale, Kingsley Lewis, Beryl Lloyd, Paul Mortier, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Julia Taylor, Arthur Ward, Revd Marjorie Ward and Mary Whalley.
- DEPARTED** We pray for the soul of Queenie Thompson (Steeple Walk), laid to rest at Islington Cemetery on Friday.
- MEMORIALS** 22nd: Anthony Harvey (2018); 23rd: Nancy Buckley (2012); 24th: Hathaway Holness (1992).
- INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS** *In the US:* Fr Travis Smith at Holy Comforter, Angleton and Mth Suzanne Smith, Rector of Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. *In Japan:* Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa, now transferred to a university chaplaincy in Tokyo.
- IN OUR PRAYERS** During this coming winter we continue to pray for the ARC Foodbank and for good support for Pack-Up. We pray for the people of the Ukraine especially for the family of our Church cleaner, Olenka Nehneka..
- PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE** We pray for the release of *Peter Jouvonal*, who has been held by the Taliban since December 2021; for all the women imprisoned in Iran as the result of the recent riots.
- PACK-UP** Our lunch club for the street community are appealing for basic staples so that they can continue to provide hot meals each week:

Tea bags \* Instant coffee \* Sugar Tinned tomatoes \* Pasta  
Biscuits (in packets rather than in tins) \* Rice \* Herbs/spices eg bay leaves, oregano, thyme.

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PARISH MASS  
for the Feast of Christ the  
King and the Baptism  
of Alice Holtom  
20 November 2022

as streamed from  
St James' Church  
Islington N1



May God bless every  
£1 we give so that St  
James' will be here,  
not just for today and  
for tomorrow, but for  
the future he wants to  
create.

PARISH MASS FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING  
together with the baptism of Alice Elizabeth Lee Holtom

Entry Hymn: **AM713 Lord of all hopefulness** [t Slane]

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

*Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*

*Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

(Words: Joyce Placzek)

**Greeting**

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

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

*All sit. Alice's parents, Rebecca and Rob, together with her sister Eve, bring Alice to the  
front of the Church*

**THE PREPARATION AND WELCOME**

*The family are introduced to the congregation.*

*At the end:*

What do you want for Alice?  
**We want her to be baptised.**

*The family return to their seats.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as a sign and seal of this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may have his risen life. As children of God, we have a new dignity as he calls us to fullness of life.

*We remain sitting for a moment of silence during which we recall those things we would like God to forgive. Then we say this prayer together:*

**Loving God, we know our sins have upset you. We have hurt you and the people we know by our words, by our thoughts and by our actions. We are very sorry for all these things. They make us selfish and they break our friendship with you.**

**By the power of Jesus who died on the Cross, forgive us for everything that we have done wrong in the past. Wash away our sin and make us your friends, now and for ever. Amen.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand

Gloria

Gloria **NMP175** **Glory be to God in heaven** [t AM231 Regent Square]

*Glory be to God in heaven,  
and to all on earth his peace,  
Lord and Father, King in glory,  
gifts of praise in us release  
that our worship and thanksgiving  
from our hearts will never cease.*

*Christ incarnate, born of Mary  
to redeem, renew, restore;  
risen Lamb, in glory seated,  
hear our prayers, Lord, we implore:  
to the Father, Son and Spirit,  
may our praise sound evermore.*

(Words: John Richards ed JB)

Our prayer for today, the Second Sunday of Trinity

Collect

**Father God, your Son reigned on earth as a servant, the king who was rejected. Reveal to us his true majesty so that we, like him, may be clothed in righteousness and may shine with a power that springs from your heavenly kingdom. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*1st Reading: (Colossians 1: 11-20 CEV) May you receive every blessing and be made strong with God's glorious power so that you may be ready to endure all the trials of this life with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.*

*For he has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,. Together we have been saved by his love when he took away our sins on the Cross.*

*Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; through him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, and through him God has been pleased to release us from the stranglehold of death, whether on earth or in heaven. He has made all things new through his sacrifice on the cross.*

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

Remain seated: **AM621** **Dear Lord and Father of mankind** [t Repton]

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.*

*In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.*

*Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives  
the beauty of thy peace. / I confess*

*Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake,  
O still small voice of calm! / wind and fire,*

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier)

A short time of silence follows as we reflect on all we have heard.

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel.

We sing:

Al - le - lu - ia! Your words, O Lord, are spi - rit and life.

Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen our hearts to your word.

We say:

**I will exult you, O Lord my King. I will bless your name for ever and ever.**

We sing once more: **Alleluia. Your words, O Lord...**

## Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

(St Matthew 7: 24-27) Jesus said, 'Listen to these words of mine. Everyone who hears my words of mine - and acts on them - will be like the wise person who built their house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.

But I say to you, those who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like the foolish person who built their house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a mighty crash!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Address

### THE BAPTISM

*The family brings Alice to the front of the Church where they stand with her god-parents and sponsor, facing the congregation. One of the godparents holds the Paschal Candle.*

*The priest then says to the whole congregation:*

My friends, will you welcome Alice and actively support her in her new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*To Alice's family and godparents he says:*

The Church welcomes Alice with great joy. Today we are trusting God to bless her as she grows in faith. Will you pray for her?

Will you encourage her by your example as she begins to find her own place in the Church and discover the joy of being a friend of Jesus?

**With the help of God, we will.**

All of us like light more than dark. Candles remind us that the light of Christ will always be better than the darkness that comes when we sin. Jesus is the Light of the world, God's Son and he is the one who make things better. Because Jesus died on the Cross, all the wrong things we have done can be forgiven. He paid the price for all our sins and in this way reveals both his love and his goodness.

So at a Christening, God calls us out of the darkness of the past so that we can start again in the light of his friendship. To be a Christian means leaving sin behind and accepting a new life with him. As a sign of this new beginning I am going to ask Alice's parents and god-parents:

Do you turn to Jesus as your friend? **I do.**

Do you repent of all your sins? **I do.**

Do you promise to fight against temptation, sin and evil wherever you find it? **I do.**

Now Christ claims Alice for his own. Receive the sign of the † Cross.

Do not be ashamed to tell others about the faith of Jesus who was crucified. **Fight with all your strength as a disciple of Christ against sin and all that is evil and remain a faithful friend of Jesus to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness † make you pure as he is pure and lead you to follow the light of Christ, now and every day. **Amen.**

*As the Paschal Candle is carried down to the back of Church, Alice's family and god-parents follow this symbol of the Light of Christ to the Font. We invite everyone, especially children, to join us.*

Processional Hymn: **AM389 Spirit of God,**

[t. Skye Boat Song]

**Spirit of God, unseen by the wind,  
gentle as the dove,  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love.**

**You spoke to us long, long ago,  
gave us the written word;  
we read it still, needing its truth,  
through it, God's voice is heard. Spirit of God...**

**Without your help we fail Our Lord,  
we cannot live his way;  
we need your power, we need your strength,  
following Christ each day. Spirit of God...**

(Words: Margaret V Old)

At the Font:

God uses water to give his divine life to those who believe in him. Let us turn to him and ask him to pour his gift of new life onto Alice whom he has chosen.

Praise God who made heaven and earth;  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

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

Lord of the heavens, we bless your name for all your servants  
who have been a sign of your grace through the ages.  
Hope of the saints, **make known your glory.**

You called Abraham to journey in faith to a country he did not know.  
You delivered Noah from the waters of destruction  
and made a covenant with him, sealed in the sign of a rainbow.  
You divided the waters of the sea and through the leadership of Moses  
led your people into the Promised Land.  
Hope of the saints, **make known your glory.**

You made a new covenant in the blood of your Son,  
that all who confess his name may, by the Holy Spirit,  
receive a pledge of the kingdom of heaven  
and share in his divine nature.  
Hope of the saints, **make known your glory.**

Fill these waters, we pray, with the power of that same Spirit,  
that Alice and all who enter them may be reborn  
and rise from the grave to new life in Christ.  
Hope of the saints, **make known your glory.**

As the apostles and prophets, the confessors and martyrs,  
faithfully served you in their generation,  
may we be built into an eternal dwelling for you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

But before Alice is baptised, we need to hear from you, her parents, god-  
parents and friends, what it is that you believe:

**I believe and trust in God the Father who made the world.  
I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ  
who died for our sins and has won for us a place in heaven.  
I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit  
who lives and works with us every day.**

This then is our faith:

**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Now there is nothing to stop those who believe and trust in God from being baptised:

Alice Elizabeth Lee, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*After Alice has been baptised, she is wrapped in a towel or christening robe:*

Alice, today you have 'put on Christ'. May he guard and protect you all the days of your life, and lead you, one day, into his home in heaven.

*The priest anoints Alice:*

Alice, may God who has received you into his friendship by baptism pour upon you the riches of his grace, that with Christians everywhere, you may be filled each day with his † anointing Spirit, and come to enjoy the promise of life eternal in heaven. **Amen.**

*We remain standing for the Prayers*

*At the end we say:*

**God of grace and life, in your love you have given us a place among your people; keep us faithful to our baptism, and prepare us for that glorious day when the whole of creation may be made perfect in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth, we join our prayers with Our Lady, St James and all the saints in glory. Merciful Father:  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Peace**

We are baptised into Christ: let us love by the Spirit of Christ.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Christening party and the whole congregation return to their places.*

*Offertory Hymn: AM748 O Jesus I have promised* [t Wolvercote]

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.**

*O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.*

*O let me see thy footmarks, and in them plant my own;  
my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my friend.*

(Words: Edward Plumtre)

### At the Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, my friends, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at our hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and for the good of all his Church.**

God of wisdom, receive all we offer you this day. Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, and serve one another in freedom. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the very beginning of time you created all things out of nothing; you called your chosen people out of the wilderness and in your Son's dying and rising you re-created us out the nothingness of darkness and sin.

You passed your mantle from Elijah and Elisha, and in the power of your Holy Spirit you passed on the mantle of Jesus to the apostles and to all the baptised.

So now we celebrate the call of your grace in the company of saints and angels and all the chorus of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My  
In God's name is com - ing the One whom we call Bles - sed. Ho -  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.  
sann - a in the high - est. Praise and thanks to God.

*Sit/Kneel*

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.  
The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it to his disciples and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

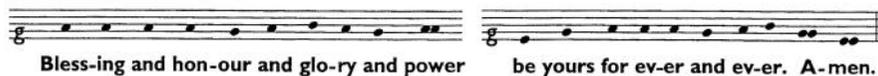
Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:



You a - lone are ho - ly and you a - lone are Lord, and  
you a lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ our Lord.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:



Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and power be yours for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

### The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 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 the one bread.**

### Agnus Dei



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have  
Mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re deemer of the  
world: Give us peace.

### Invitation to Communion

Come and kneel at the altar of God, not because you are strong but because  
you are weak. Come not because any goodness of your own gives you the  
right to come but because you need mercy and help. Come because you love  
the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come because he loves  
you, and gave himself for you.

Lift up your hearts above the cares and fears and let this bread and wine be  
to you the token of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, all meant for you if you will accept them in  
humble faith.

For this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are  
they who are called to his supper.

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

*At the time of Communion, please feel free to come forward to the rail - either for  
communion or for a blessing. Jesus invites everyone, you too! If you have not been  
admitted to Communion in this - or in any other - Church, please bring this service booklet  
with you. Afterwards we keep as quiet as possible as we remember the presence of Christ  
among us.*

## After Communion

Post Communion Hymn: **AM576 And did those feet** [t Jerusalem]

*And did those feet in ancient time walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God on England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here among those dark satanic mills?*

*Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold! Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight, nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
till we have built Jerusalem in England's green and pleasant land.*

(Words: William Blake)

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will reign for ever and will give his people the gift of peace.

Post Communion:

Lord, you give us Christ, the King of all creation, as food for everlasting life. Help us to live by his gospel and bring us to the joy of his kingdom, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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.**

## Banns of Marriage and Community Notices

### The Lighted Candle

*A lighted candle is brought to the front of Church*

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of day and night.  
By the light of Christ, your living Word,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts  
that we may walk as children of light  
and sing your praise throughout the world!

**Come, light of the world, come light up our lives;  
come, light of the world, light up our hearts.  
Dispel all darkness, remove our blindness;  
come, light of the world, be light for our eyes.**

*The priest gives one of Alice's family a lighted candle.*

Alice, today you have received the light of Christ;  
walk in his light all the days of your life.  
**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The family take Alice back to their places at the front of Church*

## Blessing

May the strength of the wind and the light of the sun,  
the softness of the rain and the mystery of the moon  
reach you and fill you.

May beauty delight you and happiness uplift you,  
may wonder fulfil you and love surround you.

May your step be steady and your arm be strong,  
may your heart be peaceful and your word be true.

May you seek to learn, may you learn to live,  
may you live to love, and may you love - always.

And so may the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

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

Final Hymn: **AM218 Thine be the glory** [t Maccabaeus]

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory, thou o'er death has won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death has won!*

*Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting: Thine be the glory...*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife,  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above: Thine be the glory...*

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