

**The Parish Church of All Saints, Pittville**  
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**A Votive Mass of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Eternal High Priest**



**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 at 6.30pm**

Welcome to All Saints as we celebrate this Votive Mass of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, on this day on which Father David celebrates the fortieth anniversary of his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1986 in Peterborough Cathedral. A particular welcome to **Paul, our Bishop**, and to the priests and deacons and other guests joining us this evening. **Please pray for more vocations to the Diaconate and Priesthood**, not least for those currently undergoing the process of discernment, and for those preparing for ordination in the coming days and weeks, especially **Deacon Ewan** and **Deacon Kevin**, with us today, as they prepare for their ordination to the priesthood on 6<sup>th</sup> July and 28<sup>th</sup> June respectively. Do stay and join us for refreshments after Mass, and please take this Mass sheet away with you as a memento of the occasion.

The Propers at Mass this evening are those for the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, in Year A of the Liturgical cycle.

**Please note that there will be no collection taken during the Mass. Instead you are invited to place your offering in the collection plate located centrally in the nave before Mass. Gift Aid envelopes are provided for UK Taxpayers.**

***Please keep a reverent silence before Mass begins.***

***‘Be still and know that I am God.’***

## THE OPENING HYMN **201 Hail Redeemer, King divine**

In the name of the Father,  
+ and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And with your spirit.**

Brothers and sisters,  
through our Baptism we are made one with Christ  
and share in his Royal Priesthood with those called to minister that priesthood.  
As we prepare to approach Jesus, the fount of grace, in this Holy Eucharist,  
let us call to mind the occasions we fail to respond to his command to loving  
service.

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you are the bread of life and the cup of salvation:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are in our midst as one who serves:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*The Priest assures us of God's forgiveness*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

## THE 'HOLST' GLORIA

**Give glory to the Father, the source of life and love;  
give glory to the Saviour, who reigns in heaven above;  
give glory to the Spirit, who sets God's people free;  
give glory to Three Persons, the Blessed Trinity.  
Give glory for God's Holy Church, that mediates his Grace;  
with saints in earth and heaven, and living in this place.**

Words: DL-M

Tune: Thaxted

*We remain standing as the Priest says, Let us pray to the Lord, before he says*

### THE OPENING COLLECT

O God, who for the glory of your majesty  
and the salvation of the human race,  
made your Only Begotten Son the Eternal High Priest,  
grant that, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,  
those whom he has chosen as ministers and stewards of his mysteries  
may be found faithful in carrying out the ministry they have received.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please sit*

### **The First Reading**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and Sisters: It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book." '

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings' (these are offered according to the Law), then he added, 'Behold, I have come to do your will.' He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN 18 *Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour verses 1 & 2*

*The Deacon proclaims*  
THE GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 26:36-42**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here, while I go over there and pray.' And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, 'My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.'

And going a little further he fell on his face and prayed, saying, 'My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.' And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, 'So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel* 18 *Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour verses 3 & 4*

THE HOMILY

*Please sit*

***The Bishop of Oswestry***  
***The Rt Revd Paul Thomas SSC***

*The Homily may be followed by*

A TIME FOR QUIET AND PRAYERFUL REFLECTION

*After the period of silent reflection we stand for*

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (BIDDING PRAYERS).

*The Priest introduces and concludes the Bidding Prayers, each petition ending,*  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! who took on flesh  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on the cross as Jesus died,  
the Lamb of God was glorified -  
for every sin by him was paid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

*Words: adapted DL-M*

*Tune: In Christ Alone*

*The Priest invites us to join with him in offering anew the sacrifice of Christ to the Father.*

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

**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.**

Lord, may our Mediator Jesus Christ  
render these gifts acceptable to you,  
and may he present us as sacrifices  
pleasing to you in union with him.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*The Proclamation of the presence of Christ in the Community of Faith*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the Preface, and after as without end we acclaim:*

**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 Music for the **Sanctus and Benedictus** from **The Mass of St Thomas 682c***

*Please kneel or sit for the continuation of the Eucharistic Prayer, which includes  
The mystery of faith.*

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

*The Eucharistic Prayer ends ... for ever and ever.*

**Amen.**

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

**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.**

*The Priest alone continues, saying:*

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.

*The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:*

**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

*Then the Priest alone says aloud:*

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.

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon says*

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All may offer a greeting of peace to those around them.*

**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.**

*The Music for the **Agnus Dei** from **The Mass of St Thomas 682d***

*The Priest invites the people to Holy Communion*

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.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*The Priest says THE COMMUNION ANTIPHON*

And behold, I am with you always,

even to the end of the age.

*Holy Communion is given with these words*

The body of Christ. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

*Those who have been baptised in the name of the Trinity and usually receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please carry this booklet with you or cross your arms over your chest. Some may prefer to receive Holy Communion in one kind only. Canon Law states that the fullness of sacramental grace is received in either or both kinds, the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood. Gluten free hosts are available – please ask if you would prefer one. **Please do not intinct** (dip the Sacred Host into the chalice) – **it is forbidden by our bishops and can be potentially dangerous for coeliacs and for those with gluten allergies.***

**THE COMMUNION HYMN 375 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness**

*If a second hymn is required **399 Soul of my Saviour***

After the distribution of Holy Communion the Priest says, Let us pray,  
and we **stand** for the Prayer after Communion.

For the glory of your name, O Lord,  
I have joyfully celebrated the mystery of Faith  
to mark the anniversary of my priestly ordination,  
so that I may be in truth  
what I have handled mystically in this sacrifice.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE POST COMMUNION HYMN **606 Faith of our fathers**

### THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

*The Bishop says*  
The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**Now and for ever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
**Who made heaven and earth.**

May almighty God, bless you,  
the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy + Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The Deacon dismisses the assembly*  
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE RECESSIONAL HYMN **277 Hail, holy queen enthroned above, O Maria** *A metrical setting of the Salve regina*

# **THE PARISH THAT PRAYS IS THE PARISH THAT GROWS**

*A welcome at All Saints for all who seek to move ...*  
... from fear to Faith  
... from doubt to Hope  
... from hate to Love

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