

**The Benefice of North Creake, South Creake with
Waterden, Syderstone with Barmer, and Sculthorpe**



**Benefice Sung Mass
Common Worship (Order One)**

**Christ the King
Sunday, 23rd November 2025**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rt Revd Peter Eagles

THE GATHERING

Stand when the Sacristy bell is rung.

The Entrance Hymn is sung as the ministers come to the altar.

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
God's trumpet call shall sound, rejoice!*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The 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.

The priest introduces the Eucharist.

Kneel or sit for the Prayers of Penitence

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The Kyrie eleison is sung kneeling or sitting

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.**

The priest says

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. **Amen.**

Stand for Gloria in Excelsis

**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.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
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 in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
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. Amen.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

The priest then says Let us pray.

Remain standing for 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.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit and listen to the readings.

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea; Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. **R**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day. The nations make much ado and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken and the earth shall melt away. **R**

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, what awesome things he has done on earth. It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear and burns the shields with fire. 'Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.' **R**

Psalm 46

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Colossians 1:11-20

Stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! 'Truly I tell you,' said the Lord: 'today you will be with me in paradise.' **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Gospel

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

✠ **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

Luke 23:33-43

Sit for the Homily

A period of reflection follows the homily.

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship for this is your God,
this is your God.*

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suff'ring to give us life, conqu'ring through sacrifice,
and as they crucify prays: 'Father forgive.'

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
love indestructible in frailty appears.

Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)
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Stand for the Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God,
**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation *(Bow at the mention of the Incarnation)*
**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

The priest then says Let us pray.

*Kneel or sit for **The Prayer of the Faithful***

Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members.

After each clause one of the following responses may be used.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

or

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

At the end of the petitions, the reader may introduce a period of silence in which personal petitions may be offered. After the silence, the priest concludes the prayers, by saying

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand for **The Peace***

The priest says

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 lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

*During the **Offertory Hymn** the altar is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight,
thy unction grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Henry William Baker (1821-1877) based on Psalm 23

The Prayer over the Gifts is said by the priest.

Eternal God,
as we celebrate the sacrifice of Christ
which has reconciled all things to you,
we pray that your Son will bestow upon the world
the gifts of unity and peace,
for he is alive and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Remain standing throughout 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, 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

✠ **Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. ✠

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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. ✠

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Our Lady Saint Mary, our holy father Benedict, Saint Columba, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ✠ all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The priest invites the people to join in reciting **The Lord's Prayer***

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The priest continues

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is said as the bread is broken

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.

Giving of Communion

The priest then holds up the broken host and says

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The priest receives communion and then says the Communion Antiphon.

The Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Psalm 29:9,10

All baptised Christians, who are in love and charity with their neighbours, are invited to receive Holy Communion, in one or both kinds.

*If you are uncomfortable receiving the chalice, we ask that for reasons of hygiene you **do not intinct** (dip the host) in the chalice, but receive only the host. Holy Communion is received fully in either the host or the chalice.*

Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those watching the live streamed service you may wish to make an act of Spiritual Communion, giving thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and asking him to be with you now.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

A period of reflection is observed while all continue to make their thanksgiving.

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn.
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space,
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

*Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)
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The priest then says Let us pray.

Stand for the Post Communion Prayer

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. **Amen.**

The priest says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The priest then blesses the people.

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may 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. **Amen.**

The priest dismisses the congregation with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Recessional Hymn is sung.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!
To his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,

God endures unchanging on.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the high eternal One!

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)
based on Psalm 103*

*During the **Recessional Hymn** the ministers go to the image of Our Lady and Child where the **Angelus** is said.*

Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary.
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy Word.

Hail, Mary... **Holy Mary...**

And the Word was made flesh. *(Bow or genuflect)*
And dwelt among us.

Hail, Mary... **Holy Mary...**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✠ cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Postlude is played as the ministers return to the sacristy.



Daily Readings

Mon, 24th Nov

Luke 21:1-4

Tue, 25th Nov

Luke 21:5-11

Wed, 26th Nov *(Our Lady of Hailes)*

Luke 21:12-19

Thu, 27th Nov

Luke 21:20-28

Fri, 28th Nov

Luke 21:29-33

Sat, 29th Nov

Luke 21:34-36



Prayers of the Faithful

The Diocese & wider Church:

Bishop Graham (*Norwich*); Bishop Jane (*Lynn*); Bishop Ian (*Thetford*)

The Diocesan Vision that people may be transformed by Christ

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

The Deanery:

Clergy in Post Retiral Ministry

Fr Clive and Fr Edward as they prepare to take up their new responsibilities with the Coxford Group of Parishes and Toftrees

The Benefice:

Benefice Churchwardens (Jayne, Paul & Sue), PCC Secretaries, PCC Treasurers & PCC Members

Civic Leaders and the Chairs of the Parish Councils

Our relationships with those of other faiths and Christian denominations

Sculthorpe Methodist Church: The Revd Jonny Bell (*Minister*)

The sick and those in need:

Emri, Colin, Robert, Jack, Chris, Gareth, Roddy, Tim, David, Liz, Andrew, Lesley, Gina, Ruth, Jude, Elizabeth, Br Gilbert, Fr Tripp

Those who are housebound or in care homes:

Brenda Welch-Smith, Sheila Tew

The recently departed:

Doreen Whewell, John Stabler

Year's Mind:

Brenda Havers, Zechariah Edge, Alice Hurn, Richard Norman, Charles Gray, Stanley Pyle, Olive Turner, George Boulter, Peter Adcock, Frederick Walker, Dorothy Harrison, Vera Middleton, Ethel Wright, Joyce Smith, Alfred Mussett, Robert Graver, Ruby Woodhouse, Michael Burdett, Peter Dennis, Kenneth Pope,

Sheila Geraghty, Margaret Neporadnyj, Sidney Allen, Eileen Burge, Phyllis Pratt, Leonard Edge, Victor Bray, Ann Collison, Joan Windsor, Joyce Smith, Linda Brightman



Clement, Bishop of Rome

Clement was active as an elder in the Church in Rome towards the end of the first century and was reputed to have been a disciple of the apostles. He wrote an epistle to the Corinthians which witnessed to ministry in the Church and concerned their authority and duties. That letter clearly showed the authority of one senior presbyter intervening in a conflict in another Church and is full of valuable information about the history of the developing Church and its ministry at this time. His hierarchical view of Church order set a future pattern for episcopal practice and ministry. Clement seems to have been president of a council of presbyters which governed the Church in Rome and his letters are clearly written on their behalf. A fourth-century document has Clement being exiled to the Crimea where he was then put to death by being thrown into the sea with an anchor around his neck, his relics being recovered some centuries later by Cyril and Methodius. The Church remembers him on the 23rd November although not this year as it falls on a Sunday.



One cannot change
the past, but one can
ruin the present by
worrying over the
future.



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