



Worship for Sunday 22nd November 2020 Christ the King

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our service this morning on this the Sunday before Advent known as Christ the King. It is lovely to have you with us this morning whether you are joining on Zoom or following the service at home as we take some time to focus on what it means to call Jesus king. As we prepare for worship this morning let us take a moment to be still in the presence of God.

Call to worship

In the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**
The lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Today and tomorrow. In time and eternity. **Your kingdom come.**
In our world, in our street. In our and communities. **Your kingdom come.**
In our lives, in our loves. In our hopes and our travelling. **Your kingdom come.**

Hymn: All people that on earth do dwell

A prayer of approach

God of all, transform and shape us by your love, that: where we have neglected the needs of others, we may be attentive; where we have been complacent, we may be active: where we have shied away from responsibilities, we may embrace all possibilities and be mindful of all whom you would have us serve. For Christ sake. Amen

Prayer of penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory: holy is your name, Lord God almighty. In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away, and to cleanse our lips to speak your word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for Christ the King

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-end

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.

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

Hymn: From heaven you came

Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

A prayer of thanksgiving

We give you thanks, loving God, for: those who have ministered to us in our time of need; those who have visited us when we were ill; those who have freed us from prisons of fear or lack of confidence; those who have listened to us when we have needed to talk. Bless them, encourage them in their ministries, and strengthen us to follow their example of compassion. Amen

Talk

I have made a video of the talk.

Creed

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn: I the lord of sea and sky

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

Our prayers today offer moments of stillness and invite you to offer your own prayers after each bidding.

Let us pray

In every church, in every Christian, in every community we long for God' love and light to blossom. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In every country, in everyone who has influence and authority, in every decision, in every negation we long for God's wisdom to prevail. *Silence.* Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In every home, in every neighbourhood we long for God's forgiveness and compassion to flourish. *Silence.* Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In every hospital, in every hospice, in every suffering person we long for God's healing to comfort and restore. Silence. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In everyone who mourns, in all who are dying, we long for God's peace to come. Silence Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In the stillness of God's presence, we bring our own concerns to God. *Silence.*

Merciful Father **accept these prayers for the sake of your son our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

The peace

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

I know that we are not together physically today and not able to share the peace in our normal way. However, this does not mean that we are not able to share the peace. Bring to mind members of our church family and as you do wish them God's peace. "..... (the name of a member of our church family) God's peace be with you.

Hymn: Let all the world

We go Out

O God of kindness, send us out with more generosity for kindness so that we might build up the kingdom of God here on earth. Amen

Christ the 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 with you this day and always. **Amen**

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

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