

# Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## Christ the King

**Reading 1:** Colossians 1: 11 - 20

**Gospel:** Luke 23: 33 - 43

*We enter into God's presence to give Him praise.*

### Acclamation

You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power.  
For you have created all things,  
and by your will they have their being.  
To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**Hymn:** (*click link*) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty [https://youtu.be/\\_vegvb1u5s4](https://youtu.be/_vegvb1u5s4)

### Invitation to Confession:

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

### Confession:

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.

### Absolution:

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins  
and restore us in His image  
to the praise and glory of His name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed be the Lord

for he has heard the voice of our prayer;  
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
and in our song will we praise our God.

### **Reading 1: Colossians 1: 11 – 20**

<sup>11</sup> 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 <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### **The Supremacy of Christ**

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> 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.*

### **Gospel: Luke 23: 33 – 43**

<sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> 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!' <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup> Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' <sup>43</sup> He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

*This is the gospel of the Lord.          Praise be to you, O Christ.*

**Song:** (click link)    My Jesus My Saviour    <https://youtu.be/dr78ff70XKQ>

**Talk:** (click link)    <https://youtu.be/IBKizlvsHnQ>

**Song:** (click link)    Majesty    <https://youtu.be/SNnTFDNPT3U>

*Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.*

## **The Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
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.  
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.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Father God as Your children and heirs through adoption, we come to you in faith knowing that you understand us so much better than we know ourselves. Hear our hearts this day Father as we intercede for the church and the world all the while thanking You for your goodness to us.

Father God thankyou that today is World Children's Day promoting a better future and welfare for every child. Father may many more children receive the protection, care and opportunities they need to flourish. We understand Father that children were seen as not very important at the time of Jesus, they had a low status in society. But thankyou that Jesus accepted them readily and blessed them. Thankyou Father that we along with so many can bless children in the world especially today with the gifts of shoeboxes filled with love.

Father, we hear of so many heart-breaking stories of children suffering in the world and we think especially today of the little boy who died from inhaling mould spores after living in inadequate housing and our hearts go out his parents and wider family. Please bring change to the hearts of the people in charge of these properties to help prevent these tragedies. So many children suffer Father through no fault of their own and we weep with You for them.

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

Father, we pray for the whole of your created world and its peoples that evil will be overcome and that Your kingdom may be established and Your will be done. We hear so often of famine, floods and especially the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine which is causing so much distress and affecting the whole world with rising living costs, food and energy shortages. We remember the words of Jesus from the cross as the authorities crucified Him He said: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." So often Father we do know and do what is wrong and the repercussions of all our actions can have either good or bad outcomes so help us to look to you and your knowledge and wisdom in all we do and forgive us Lord when we get it wrong at times and guide us on the right path again.

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

Father God please bless this parish and all who serve in our community and as we come into Winter time help us to work together and support each other. We thank you for the initiative to open this church as a warm hub to provide a few hours of warmth and company helping those who find it hard to afford to heat their homes adequately. May we be a welcoming people into this Your house Father and thank you that through these times we can also forge new friendships.

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

Lord we pray for all who suffer, mentally, physically and spiritually. For those who suffer from financial difficulties, for those who fear for the future, for carers in care homes and those who care for loved ones daily at home with all their different needs. We also commend to your love all who have completed their life on earth that they and their loved ones may rest in peace and we lift in our hearts those known to us personally that we may be a comfort to those left grieving and show them Your love.

Lord in Your Mercy.....Hear our Prayer.

Father God we thank you again for this special Children's Day today, thank you for the opportunities we have to care for the children of this parish and beyond. We especially thank you for the friendships being formed through these times. Father please bless all the dear children with Your tender care.

Merciful Father  
accept these Prayers  
for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ  
Amen.

### **Collect:**

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.

### **Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom the power and the glory  
are yours now and forever.        Amen.

**Hymn:** *(click link)* Christ Triumphant <https://youtu.be/0r3EogSdfPU>

**Blessing:**

Christ our King,  
make us faithful and strong to do His will,  
that we may reign with Him in glory.....

.....and the blessing of God almighty;  
Father Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us, and remain with us  
and all those whom we love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

*As we come to the end of this service we can fellowship with each other in Spirit, with tea, coffee  
and biscuits, and continuing to pray for each other.*

*Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.*