

Sunday 21st November 2021

Christ the King

Reading 1: Daniel 7: 9 – 10, 13 – 14

Reading 2: Revelation 1: 4b - 8

Gospel: John 18 33 - 37

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

Opening Prayer

God of gods and King of kings,
be with us as we seek to know more of your truth.
Speak to us by your Word and your Spirit.
Help us to see Jesus, and to hear his voice –
not just for today, but for all days,
and for the glory of your kingdom.

God, we come in faith and love
ready to listen and receive from you today.
We offer all that we are and come with
open hearts and minds ready to worship you.
Amen.

Song: (*click link*) King of Kings <https://youtu.be/SnuRldNwiwg>

Confession:

We think of the things that we are sorry about this week.
The things that we wish we had not done and want God to forgive us for.

Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

Absolution:

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.

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 2:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel:

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵ Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷ Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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

Talk: (click link) https://youtu.be/kZjRLJCyd_8

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

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace that comes from God alone,
for the unity of all peoples,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Church of Christ, for *N* our Bishop, [*for ...*]
and for the whole people of God,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the nations of the world, [*for ...*,]
for Elizabeth our Queen and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city (*or town or village or community*), [*for ...*,]
for our neighbours and our friends,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us,
and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm,
for the widowed and orphans,
for the sick and suffering,
[*for ...*] and for all in any need,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed,
for the unemployed and the destitute,
for prisoners and captives,
and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the dying, for those who mourn
for the faithful whom we entrust to the Lord in hope,
as we look forward to the day when we share
the fullness of the resurrection,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the communion *of all* the saints,
let us commend ourselves, and one another,
and all our life, to God.

Silence is kept.

For yours is the majesty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
now and for ever.

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..

Silence is kept.

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.

Song: (*click link*) We want to see Jesus lifted high <https://youtu.be/LF3Zr3D2UmA>

Blessing:

Christ the 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.