

Service of Morning Prayer.

Sunday 22nd November Christ the King

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome everyone by Revd Grant.

Today is Christ the King. The last Sunday of the Church year. Next week is Advent Sunday.

A church pastor said: "We should always come to worship prepared for an audience with the King. And we should expect the Spirit of God to work among us..."

Let's prepare ourselves...

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



Opening Song

We have come together, the people of God,
drawn by his Spirit, longing for his Word,
to praise the holy name of the Lord,
to share his glorious news of grace,
to pray for our needs and the pain of the world,
to rejoice in his love and be sent in his peace.

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said: 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.

Silence

All Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. 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.

All Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,
All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
All and in our song will we praise our God.

We continue in prayer...

God of welcome,
You invite me into Your family.
I sit at your table and savour your word to me.
Help me receive all the nourishment you have for me today. Amen.

The night has passed,
and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day and new week, so may the light of your presence,
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. Amen.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Psalm 119 –*Over the coming weeks, we will each Sunday read a portion of this psalm – until we complete the psalm in mid December.*

י Yodh

- ⁷³Your hands made me and formed me;
give me understanding to learn your
commands.
- ⁷⁴May those who fear you rejoice when they see
me,
for I have put my hope in your word.
- ⁷⁵I know, LORD, that your laws are righteous,
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
- ⁷⁶May your unfailing love be my comfort,
according to your promise to your servant.
- ⁷⁷Let your compassion come to me that I may
live,
for your law is my delight.
- ⁷⁸May the arrogant be put to shame for
wronging me without cause;
but I will meditate on your precepts.
- ⁷⁹May those who fear you turn to me,
those who understand your statutes.
- ⁸⁰May I wholeheartedly follow your decrees,
that I may not be put to shame.

כ Kaph

- ⁸¹My soul faints with longing for your salvation,
but I have put my hope in your word.
- ⁸²My eyes fail, looking for your promise;
I say, 'When will you comfort me?'
- ⁸³Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke,
I do not forget your decrees.
- ⁸⁴How long must your servant wait?
When will you punish my persecutors?
- ⁸⁵The arrogant dig pits to trap me,
contrary to your law.
- ⁸⁶All your commands are trustworthy;
help me, for I am being persecuted without
cause.

- ⁸⁷They almost wiped me from the earth,
but I have not forsaken your precepts.
- ⁸⁸In your unfailing love preserve my life,
that I may obey the statutes of your mouth.

ל Lamedh

- ⁸⁹Your word, LORD, is eternal;
it stands firm in the heavens.
- ⁹⁰Your faithfulness continues through all
generations;
you established the earth, and it endures.
- ⁹¹Your laws endure to this day,
for all things serve you.
- ⁹²If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.
- ⁹³I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have preserved my life.
- ⁹⁴Save me, for I am yours;
I have sought out your precepts.
- ⁹⁵The wicked are waiting to destroy me,
but I will ponder your statutes.
- ⁹⁶To all perfection I see a limit,
but your commands are boundless.

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen.

NT : Ephesians 1:15-end (Joshua)
This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Song

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-end
This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Canticle 'Great and Wonderful'

All nations shall come and worship you,
O Christ,
And share in the feast of your kingdom.

Great and wonderful are your deeds,
Lord God the Almighty.

Just and true are your ways,
O ruler of the nations.

Who shall not revere and praise your name,
O Lord?
For you alone are holy.

All nations shall come and worship
in your presence:
For your just dealings have been revealed.
(Revelation 15:3-4)

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.

All nations shall come and worship you,
O Christ,
And share in the feast of your kingdom.

Sermon

Song

Affirmation of Faith: *(from the Athanasian Creed)*

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ,
the King of Kings
who became flesh and came among us.

**We believe and declare
that our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

**God, of the being of the Father,
the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the
world;
fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

**As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.
Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

**One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God;
truly one, not by mixing humanity
with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

**For as mind and body
form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.
The Word became flesh
and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

The Prayers of the People (Stefan)

Let us pray

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.



Offertory Prayer for gifts to All Saints

Gracious God
Accept our financial gifts,
and with them our lives,
to be used in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collects

All 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.

All Lord I praise you for every spiritual
blessing that you have given me in Christ. May
the eyes of my heart be enlightened in order that
I may know the hope to which you have called
me, the riches of your glorious inheritance, and
your incomparably great power living within me.
Amen.

*Bring our prayers and praises to a close,
we sing together...*

All 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.

Going out as God's People

Announcements

Alpha Course in January 2021

*Acorn / Connect Group run by Michael Harvey,
new group between now and Christmas. Let
Grant know if interested.*

Final Song

Blessing

Christ our exalted King
pour upon you his abundant gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

We finish with praying the grace together...

All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all this day and evermore.
Amen.

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