

Morning Prayer

Next before Advent: Christ the King

Sunday 21st November 2021

Lines open from 9.45. Service begins at 10.00.

To join the conference call from your phone, call 0330 336 0036 and enter PIN 586191

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips.

All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Your faithful servants bless you.

All **They make known the glory of your kingdom.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, ruler and judge of all, to you be praise and glory for ever. In the darkness of the age that is passing away, may the glory of your kingdom surround our steps as we journey on. May we reflect the light of your glory this day, and so be made ready to come into your presence. **Amen.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Act of Penitence

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All **Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
Like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.

All **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 93

All **The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.**

¹ The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

² Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.

³ The seas have lifted up, LORD,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

All **The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.**

⁴ Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—
the LORD on high is mighty.

⁵ Your statutes, LORD, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house
for endless days.

All **The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.**

All **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.**

Christ our King,
you put on the apparel of our nature
and raised us to your glory;
reign from your royal throne
above the chaos of this world,
that all may see the victory you have won

and trust in your salvation;
for your glory's sake.

The Word of God

First reading: Revelation 1: 4-8

⁴ John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

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

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

⁷“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”
So shall it 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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle **A Song of Christ's Glory**

⁵ Christ Jesus ⁶ was in the form of God,
but he did not cling to equality with God.

⁷ **He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
and was born in our human likeness.**

⁸ Being found in human form he humbled himself,
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

⁹ **Therefore God has highly exalted him,
and bestowed on him the name above every name,**

¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;

¹¹ **And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Philippians 2.5–11

**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.**

Second reading John 18: 33-37

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned
Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk
to you about me?”

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and
chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have
done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were,
my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the
Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another
place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

We reflect on God’s word.



Intercessions

Let us pray to God the Father
who has reconciled all things to himself in Christ:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For peace among the nations,
that God may rid the world of violence
and let peoples grow in justice and harmony ...

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who serve in public office,

that they may work for the common good...

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For Christian people everywhere, that we may joyfully
proclaim and live our faith in Jesus Christ ...

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who suffer from hunger, sickness or loneliness,
that the presence of Christ may bring them health and
wholeness...

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray to
the mercy and protection of God.

Collect for the day

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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.
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 for ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

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
amongst us and remain with us, and those we love and
pray for, today and always.

All Amen.



What's On This Week

Coffee Morning Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 10.30am

Everyone is very welcome to join us for coffee and a chat on Zoom. I look forward to being with you.

Coffee Morning Wednesday 1 December 2021 at 10.00am

Please make a note that we will be meeting for coffee at the Golf Club on Wednesday 1st December at 10.00am. It would be helpful if you can let Sally Mundy (01884 254378) or Stephen Roche (01884 33665) know if you are coming by 26 November 2021, so that there is enough cake!

Bible Study Wednesday 24th November at 7.00pm

This week we will be continuing our Bible Study course, studying the Old Testament story of Abraham through to Joseph. If you can, please read Genesis 21-24.

This will be the last Bible Study until we resume on 12 January at 7.00pm.

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