

# Morning Prayer for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

## Christ the King

### Preparation

*We stand to sing hymn 11: Alleluia, sing to Jesus*

*All remain standing*

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

**All and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Minister:*

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Let us therefore pray together and remember God's presence with us now.

*We sit or kneel*

*Minister:* We say together

**All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The minister introduces the prayers of penitence:*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our  
advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us therefore confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's  
commandments and to live in love and peace with all:

**All Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done what is wrong in your sight. We are  
sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love. Cleanse us from our sin:**

**Renew a right spirit within us, and restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Minister:*

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

**All Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,  
**for he has heard our prayer;**  
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

*The Collect for the day:*

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.

**All Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

*We sit for the readings:*

*The Old Testament reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14*

*At the end of the reading(s):*

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel reading: John 18: 33-37*

*At the end of the reading:*

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*The Sermon*

*After a short time for reflection, we stand to say the Apostles' Creed*

**All 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.**

*We remain standing to sing hymn 605: Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee*

## **Prayers**

*We sit or kneel for the intercessions*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

*The following response may be used:*

Lord in your mercy

**All Hear our prayer**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints,  
we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.  
Merciful Father:

**All Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*We remain seated or kneeling for the Lord's Prayer:*

*The minister says:*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## **The Conclusion**

*We sit for the notices/banns*

*We stand for the final hymn, number 536: O worship the king all glorious above  
(verses 1-3 and 6)*

*We remain standing for the final prayer, the Grace and the Dismissal*

*Minister: We pray together:*

**All Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet,  
a light upon our paths, and a strength to our lives.**

**Take us and use us to love and serve all people in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name  
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Minister: We say together*

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

**Amen.**

*Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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