

Sunday 22nd November

Christ the King



Welcome

Let the heavens rejoice;

Let the earth be glad.

Let them say among the people:

The Lord reigns! Amen.

(1 Chronicles 16)

Song:

Come let us worship the King of kings,

The Creator of all things.

Let your soul arise to Him,

Come and bless the Lord our King.

Lord, my heart and voice I raise,

To praise Your wondrous ways,

And with confidence I come

To approach Your heavenly throne.

Come and fill this place with Your glory,

Come and captivate our gaze;

Come and fill us with Your fire,

That the world might know Your name.

For You are God,

And You're worthy to be praised,

And You are good,

For Your love will never end:

The great I Am,

You are faithful in all of Your ways.

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Confession:

Lord, we confess your right to exercise your sovereignty over the whole of your creation and over every part of our lives. But from the very beginning we have used our free will to please ourselves and not you, to live for our own ends and not for yours, and to spoil our relationship with you and with each other. We also confess that we have fallen short of living lives that bring you glory. There is no way that, in our own strength, we can put our world or our lives in order again. Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, forgive us, cleanse us and renew all things. For the glory of your name. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness

Statement of Faith

**Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.**

By him all things were created:

**things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
thrones, powers, rulers, and authorities;**

all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church;

he is the beginning and the firstborn from the dead. Amen

Reading:

Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time. Then he left the brothers and sisters and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. Before he sailed, he had his hair cut off at Cenchreae because of a vow he had taken.

Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervour¹ and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately. When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.

(Acts 18:1-3, 18, 24-28)

Pause for thought

Song:

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
To You only

*All the earth will shout
Your praise
Our hearts will cry
These bones will sing
Great are You, Lord*

It's Your breath in our lungs
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Prayer 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. 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. 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.

Prayers

Hymn:

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him
who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed over the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou has died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Notices

Blessing