

## Christ The King 23rd November 2021



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.”

### **Leader.** The Gathering

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

The lord be with you,  
**And also with you**

### Call to worship (Psalm 24:7-10)

**Leader,** Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
That the King of glory may come in.

**R1. We lift our hearts in worship, Come O eternal King**

**Leader,** Who is the King of glory?

**R1. The Lord, strong and mighty,  
The Lord, mighty in battle.**

**We lift our hearts in worship, Come O empowering King**

**Leader,** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
That the King of glory may come in.

**R1. We lift our hearts in worship, Come O redeemer King**

**Leader,** Who is this King of glory?

**R1. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

**We lift our hearts in worship, Come O Christ our King**

### Gathering/Opening prayer, Let us Pray

**Leader,** Hallelujah to You Oh LORD our King,  
You are robed in majesty and girded with strength.  
For establishing the world through Your decrees which are very sure;

**R2. We praise Your name, O Lord our King**

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**L.** You are the God who is and who was and who is to come,  
who reign over all that come before Your throne,

**R2. We praise Your name, O Lord our King**

**L.** Lord Jesus Christ, our Faithful Witness,  
the Firstborn of the dead, and ruler of all.

You put to right the wrongs against Your children,

**R2. We praise Your name, O Lord our King**

**L.** For loving us and freeing us from our sins by Your blood,  
and making us kingdom priests and priestesses  
serving God our Sovereign,

**R2. To You be glory and dominion forever and ever**

**L.** Jesus, You are the "Alpha and the Omega,"  
the Almighty; rescuing widows, orphans, and those in bondage;  
reigning in victory,  
coming in the clouds.

**R2. To You be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen**

**L. The confession**

Jesus Said "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

So let us turn away from Sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence  
and faith

The kingdom is yours,  
But we turn away from your rule;  
Lord have mercy

**R2. Lord have mercy**

**L.** The power is yours,  
But we turn in our power and truths;  
Christ have mercy,

**R2. Christ have mercy,**

**L.** The glory is yours,  
But we fall short of the glory of God  
Lord have mercy

**R2. Lord have mercy**

**Words of forgiveness**

**L.** Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all  
goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ

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Said Hymn ; *Crown Him with many crowns*

**Reader1.** Crown Him with many crowns

The Lamb upon the throne

Hark How the heavenly anthems drown

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 Virgin's Son!

The God Incarnate born,--

Whose arm those crimson trophies won

Which now his brow adorn!

Fruit of the mystic Rose,

As of that Rose the Stem:

The Root, whence mercy ever flows,--

The Babe of Bethlehem!

Crown him the Lord of love!

Behold his hands and side,--

Rich wounds, yet visible above,

In beauty glorified:

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,

But downward bends his burning eye

At mysteries so bright!

Crown him the Lord of peace!

Whose power a sceptre sways,

From pole to pole,--that wars may cease,

Absorbed in prayer and praise: his reign shall know no end,

And round his pierced feet

Fair flowers of paradise extend

Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years!

The Potentate of time,--

Creator of the rolling spheres,

Ineffably sublime!

Glassed in a sea of light,

Where everlasting waves

Reflect his throne,--the Infinite!

Who lives,--and loves--and saves.

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**R1. 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**

**The Collect**

**Reader 2.** Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Word of the Lord,**

**Reader 1. Daniel 7:9-10,13,14**

As I watched,  
thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure  
wool;  
his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.  
A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten  
thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.  
As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.  
To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.  
This is the word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God**

**Leader.** May the Lord be in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts as we hear the words of the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All. Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Leader Gospel according to John 18. 33-37**

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**Leader.** Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

**Reader 2** Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

**L.** 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?”

**Reader 2** 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.”

**L1.** Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?”

**Reader 2** 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. **All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Apostles creed The Creed** (*We join in with the words in bold*)

**L.** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,

**R2. make of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**L.** We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

**R2. God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

**L.** Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

**R2. Through him all things were made.**

**L.** For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

**R2. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**L.** On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

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and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**R2. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

L. We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**R2. the Lord, the giver of life,**

L. who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**R2. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.**

L. He has spoken through the prophets.

**R2. We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

L. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**R2. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

### Let us Pray

*Prayer of thanksgiving and intercession*

**Leader.** Gracious God,

We thank You for the gift of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ

In whom we live and move and have our being

For the gift of life, of family, of friends

For our church community

And the many ways we connect with one another

We give You thanks.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer,**

**Reader 1** Father, We pray for ourselves

Give us a heart that trusts You completely

Grant us grace to do what is right, to fight for justice, and to speak up for those who cannot do so for themselves.

Give us thankful hearts

Heart that would see You in everyone, and welcome all as we would welcome

You

Lord, help us to mirror You.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer,**

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**Reader 1** Holy God, we pray for our Church Wardens and those who minister to us during this interregnum

For Andrew's faith journey following his confirmation last Sunday

We Pray for our chosen next Incumbent, Fr Trevor and for his current parishes of Wigston in Leicester.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

**Reader 2.** We pray for all who continue to live with injustice

Whose lives are filled with violence and abuse

Those who face discrimination and are treated unfairly

Those who ask, how long before there is relief?

Those who are asked 'what did you do?' instead of 'how can we help!'

Lord, please grant that Your Spirit will move us to collective actions of love and care.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

**Reader 2.** We pray for all who suffer

To all for whom this global pandemic is a daily nightmare

For the sick, for those who care for the sick.

For those whose jobs are affected

And who worry about the next meal or how to be safe

For those battling with loneliness and isolation.

Lord, be our healer, our provider, and our abiding presence.

In a moment of quietness, we name in our hearts those we know or love who are in need or ill at this time.....

*Moment of Quiet*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

**.Leader.** Lord we bring before you the named sick

*Names*

May Christ's healing hand rest upon them and give them wholeness of body, mind and spirit.

Leader. We pray for all who have departed this life, for past members of this community, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time. We pray that those left behind may find comfort through you...

**LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM  
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE  
AND RISE IN GLORY**

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Father, we rejoice all our prayers in fellowship with St Matthew, all the saints, with those of our Blessed Mother.

**Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

All Merciful Father Please accept these prayers  
For the Sake of your Son Our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN

## **The Peace**

**Leader.** Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**R1. and also with you.**

## **Take a moment an act of Spiritual Communion**

**Leader.** Father, accept all we bring before you this day.  
Guide us with your love and feed our spirit as you nourish the faith of the Church by the preaching of your apostles.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Preface**

**R1.** we give you thanks because you formed your Church on the apostles to stand firm for ever, as a sign on earth of your infinite holiness and the living gospel for all to hear.

**R2.** It is indeed right and good that we should give you thanks, praise and glory, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**R1,** holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

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**R2.** Great is the mystery of faith  
Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
**Christ will come again.**

**Leader.** Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit  
The Light of God surrounds us;  
The Love of God enfolds us;  
The Power of God protects us;  
The Presence of God watches over us;  
**Wherever we are, --God is----**

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our  
Saviour has taught us:

**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 them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil;  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF Spiritual Communion**

**Leader** Let us say together the prayer of the act of Spiritual  
communion.

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### **Leader**

**.My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to  
You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.**



Those who have an order of service may want to look at the picture of our holy sacrament, or others may imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven,

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**Leader** We rest in the love of God.  
We Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of our soul  
As we say,  
Soul of Christ, sanctify us.  
Body of Christ, save us.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate us.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash us.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen us.

**O good Jesu, hear me.**  
**Within your wounds hide me.**  
**Suffer me not to be separated from you.**  
**From the malicious enemy defend me.**  
**In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you.**

**Leader** And that with St Matthew and all your Saints O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
**may I know you more clearly,**  
**love you more dearly,**  
**and follow you more nearly, day by day Amen.**

**Leader** Almighty God, through Your Blessed Sacrament, keep me united with all my brothers and sisters here at St Matthews and throughout the church.  
Bind us together in Word, Sacrament and Love, until we are reunited again in Your church.  
**. Amen.**

### **Moment of Silence**

**Leader** The Lord be with you.

**R2.: And also with you**

**R1.** Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**NOTICES .**

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**Leader.** Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That you, with steadfast love, would keep  
Your watch around us while we sleep.

**Reader 1.** From evil dreams defend our sight,  
From fears and terrors of the night;  
Tread underfoot our deadly foe  
That we no sinful thought may know.

**Reader 2.** O Father, that we ask be done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Our souls are raised to life from death.  
Amen.

Blessing/Closing Prayer (Psalm 132:1-12)  
You have worshipped in the presence of your King.  
We rejoice, and we are glad  
Your hardships have been remembered, you have received God's favour  
We rejoice, and we are glad  
You have made your hearts a dwelling place for the mighty One of Jacob.  
We rejoice, and we are glad  
You are clothed with righteousness and empowered with justice  
We rejoice, and we are glad  
Your King reigns for ever, the Son of David, the Son of God.  
We rejoice, and we are glad. Amen

## **Leader.** Blessing

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

**Leader.** Let us go in peace. We go into the world  
to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love  
and to reflect God's glory. **Amen.**

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

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- Goodbyes

**Leader.** Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**Loud Response by All.** I come to Christ.

**Leader.** The Lord bless us and keep us;

The Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace

**All,** And may the Peace of the lord Jesus Christ be always with you  
And also with you.

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