

Christ the King

23rd November 2025



Collect

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.

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be
plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Jacqui

23 “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. ² Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the Lord. ³ “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord.

⁵ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:
The Lord Our Righteous Savior.

Colossians 1: 11-20

Pauline

11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to

himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Luke 23: 33-43

Phil

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Hymns

Complete Anglican; Hymns Old and New

		Number
Processional	God has spoken by his prophets	Below
Kyrie		962
Gloria		Murray
Gradual	Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour	408
Offertory	At the name of Jesus	54
Communion	All hail the power of Jesus name	16
Recessional	Christ triumphant, ever reigning	104

Notices

Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

Compline

There will be a service of Compline on Wednesday 26th November at 9.30pm via Zoom, the details for which are Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Dates for your diary

Toy service 30th November at 11am in church.

Swann Group Advent service 30th November at 4pm at St Michael & All Angels church.

First Communion of Christmas 24th December @ 6.30pm

Advent course

If you would like to take part in this course, please let Fr Alex know today. Please note that the first session, on Monday, tomorrow will start at **10am**.

Toy service

Our Toy service will be on the 30th November with all toys going to support the Christmas toy appeal at Birmingham City Mission.

PCC meeting

After church this morning.

Christmas services

Please take note of the pattern of Christmas services which are on a separate page in this week's Contact Sheet and also are available at the back of church.

Place of Welcome Christmas celebration

There will be a Christmas celebration on Friday 19th December at our Place of Welcome in the Memorial Hall. If you are free, please do come along at 10.30am for a mince pie or two and a large dose of festive cheer!

Prayers

Saint Cyprian's church

Bless the work and endeavour of the PCC Lord. Help us to discern and then commit to the plans that you have for the future of the Memorial Hall. Dispel any fears that we may have of treading the path that you set before us. May the compassion which dwells in your heart humbly rule ours too.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

Lord of opportunity, receive our thanks for all that the power of your name enabled through our Christmas Fayre yesterday. May the hearts of those who visited be filled with a yearning to know you more closely and receive your love more deeply.

Saint Benedict's church

Merciful and generous Lord we hold before you the grant bid made through the Church Development Agency and Oak Foundation. May the processes of assessment and decision-making bear fruit for us in Bordesley as we seek to replace the hall with affordable, local housing.

Saint Mary's church

Keep us focused on what is important in life and not be sidetracked by glitter and tinsel, as we approach the preparations for Advent and your Son's birth.

Prayers at St Cyprian's church

We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for

Ollie, Beryl, Clarice, Harold, Maureen, Andy Newman, Dean, Darren, Lucy, Kevin, Lauren, Paul, Ken Long, Alan Carter and Pat.

We remember those who have died in faith... Peter Aldridge and for those whose years mind is in November ... Spencer Ward, Olive Hopkins, Kathleen Craven, Isabella Hayward, Jonathan Orme, Christina Ryder, Edwin Butler, Nicholas Evens, Vera Pipe, Denis James, Frederick Cooper, May Cooper, Edith Carter, Sally Bull

God has spoken by his prophets

God has spoken by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging Word;
each from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord!
In the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor still holds fast,
God is on his throne eternal,
he alone the first and last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father, ever one:
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God, before all time began,
light of light, to Earth descending,
Man, revealing God to man.

God is speaking by his Spirit
speaking to the hearts of men;
in the age-long Word declaring
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is standing fast:
God abides, his Word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.