



St Edmund's Taverham with St Peter's Ringland

Worship for Sunday 22nd
November 2020

The Feast of Christ the King.

Our gathering song this week (written by Jack Williams Hayford)

Majesty, worship His majesty

Unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise

Majesty, kingdom authority

Flows from His throne, unto His own, His anthem raise

So exalt lift up on high, the name of Jesus

Magnify, come glorify

Christ Jesus the King

Majesty, worship His majesty

Jesus who died, now glorified

King of all kings

Welcome to our worship today.

Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ,

inspired by the Holy Spirit,

and blessed by God,

we come to worship one, holy God.

O God, our own God,

how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

Your majesty is the music of the starry skies.

yet even children of dust can sing your praises.

In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler

let your gratitude and joy be made known.

O God, our own God,

how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

Inspired by Psalm 8 — written by Bruce Prewer (adapted), and posted on the
<http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/> website.

Song written by Wendy Churchill

Jesus is King and I will extol Him

Give Him the glory, and honour His name
He reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens
Word of the Father, exalted for us

We have a hope that is steadfast and certain
Gone through the curtain and touching the throne
We have a Priest who is there interceding
Pouring His grace on our lives day by day

We come to Him, our Priest and Apostle
Clothed in His glory and bearing His name
Laying our lives with gladness before Him
Filled with His Spirit we worship the King

O Holy One, our hearts do adore You
Thrilled with Your goodness we give You our praise
Angels in light with worship surround Him
Jesus, our Saviour, forever the same

Our scripture reading this week is written in the Gospel according to **Matthew chapter 25 : 31 - 46**

The Final Judgment

31 “When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne, **32** and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** He will put the righteous people at his right and the others at his left. **34** Then the King will say to the people on his right, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. **35** I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, **36** naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.

’**37** The righteous will then answer him, ‘When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? **38** When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? **39** When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you? ’**40** The King will reply, ‘I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!’

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Away from me, you that are under God's curse! Away to the eternal fire which has been prepared for the Devil and his angels! **42** I was hungry but you would not feed me, thirsty but you would not give

me a drink; **43** I was a stranger but you would not welcome me in your homes, naked but you would not clothe me; I was sick and in prison but you would not take care of me.'

44 Then they will answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and we would not help you?' **45** The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me. **46** These, then, will be sent off to eternal punishment, but the righteous will go to eternal life.'

As you reflect on these words of Jesus, what might God be saying to you through them? Is there anything in this passage that is new to you, surprises you or intrigues you? What might God want you to know?

You may like to read the reflection in the St Ed's newsheet or the thought for the week on the St Peter's website.

Let us pray

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.

Almighty God:

from the beginning of time
to the end of eternity,
you have chosen
to use your power and majesty
to love us,
to redeem us,
to shape us as your people.

King of Kings
and Lord of Lords:
you became weak
so you could confront
the strength of sin and death,
confounding their ridicule
with your resurrection.

Spirit of God,
resting upon us:
may your power enflame us

with your peace;
may your peace touch us
with your grace;
may your grace fill us
with your hope;
may your hope lead us
into your Kingdom.

God in Community, Holy in One,
may your word be on our lips,
as we pray together as Jesus
has taught us, saying,

~ written by Thom M. Shuman and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**.
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

Lord's Prayer

Song King of Kings, Majesty - written by Jarrod Cooper

King of Kings, Majesty, God of Heaven, Living in me

Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne

*Your Majesty I can but bow, I lay my all before you now
In royal robes I don't deserve, I live to serve Your majesty*

Earth and heaven, worship You, Love eternal, faithful and true
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise

Heaven's Father, regal Lord, praise to You, O ruler of all
Power and mercy, kindness and might
Held in strong hands, bathed in Your light
All within me worships Your name

Blessing

*Come, you who are blessed," Jesus says;
for I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you gave me clothing,
I was sick and you took care of me,*

was in prison and you visited me.”

Matthew 25: 34-36

You
who are
yourselves
a blessing

who know
that to feed
the hungering
is to bless

and to give drink
to those who thirst
is to bless

who know
the blessing
in welcoming
the stranger

and giving clothes
to those
who have none

who know
to care
for the sick
is blessing

and blessing
to visit
the prisoner:

may the blessing
you have offered
now turn itself
toward you

to welcome
and to embrace you
at the feast
of the blessed.

~ written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on **The Painted Prayerbook.** <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>

Song My prayer for you written by Alisa Turner

For anyone who's prayed a thousand prayers

And still can't find the answer anywhere
Fighting off the lie that no one cares

For anyone who's out there losing hope
Feeling you're forsaken and alone
Clinging to the last strands of your rope
May God give you eyes to see He's still greater
Courage to rise and believe He's able
May God be your peace in the fire you're walking through
This is our prayer now
This is our prayer for you

For all of those with tired and weary souls
But still have faith to ask for miracles
Choosing to believe He's in control

May your eyes be ever on the Lord, your helper
May you find your refuge in the Lord, your shelter
May you find Him closer than a brother all your days
All of your days!