



St Edmund's Church Taverham and St Peter's Church Ringland

Worship for Sunday 21st November
2021

Christ the King

Today we reach the end of the church year. To mark this we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, gathering up all that we have learned and discovered over this year and committing ourselves again to the way of Jesus, the King of kings.

Our gathering song

Here I am, humbled by Your majesty

Covered by Your grace so free
Here I am, knowing I'm a sinful man
Covered by the blood of the Lamb

*Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine
Since You laid down Your life, the greatest sacrifice
Majesty, majesty
Your grace has found me just as I am
Empty handed but alive in Your hands*

Here I am, humbled by the love that You give
Forgiven so that I can forgive
Here I stand, knowing that I'm Your desire
Sanctified by glory and fire

Majesty, majesty
Forever I am changed by Your love
In the presence of Your majesty (Martin Smith & Stuart Garrard)

Psalm 145

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!
One generation tells the next generation
about the awesome things that you have done.
We look for words to tell of how amazing you are-
glory, splendour, magnificent, mighty-
but all our words are too small.
You burst out of them!
You are made of grace and beauty,

unbreakable promises, tender affection,
powerful love that goes on and on.
All the universe speaks about you;
we join as best we can.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised! Amen.
(Let's Say a Psalm Silvia Purdie)

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 (Wendy Churchill)

John 18.33–37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' 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?' 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.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' 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.'

As you think of the Kingship of Jesus what images come to your mind? What does the kingship of Jesus mean to you and how what kind of difference does it make to your life?

Oh kneel me down again, here at Your feet

Show me how much You love humility
Oh Spirit be the star that leads me to
The humble heart of love I see in You

*You are the God of the broken
The friend of the weak
You wash the feet of the weary
Embrace the ones in need
I want to be like You, Jesus
To have this heart in me
You are the God of the humble
You are the humble King*

Walk by my side again, and comfort me
Let me be counsellor and friend to thee
Your grace is raised so high, it shines a light
Upon my lowly heart, now burning bright (Brenton Brown and Nick Moore)

Let us pray

**Christ the King, you are the One who calls us to follow you.
Forgive us for the times when we set up our own kingdoms
And live as though we are in charge.
Forgive us for seeking authority and power that rightly belongs to you.
Forgive us for not serving you and loving you as we should.
In the name of Jesus, our humble king who is the King of kings. Amen.**
(Rachel Seabrook)

Jesus, our faithful, merciful king, hears our prayers, forgive us and sets us free to
begin anew to follow his call again. Glory to his name. Amen.
(Rachel Seabrook)

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.

Our Father, who art in heaven

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

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
(Jarrod Cooper)

May the Creator
bless you and keep you;
may the Beloved Companion face you
and have mercy upon you;
may the Eternal Spirit's countenance
be turned to you and give you peace;
may the Three in One bless you. Amen.
(The New Zealand Prayer Book)

If you can't trust your eyes, and the world's in disguise

Half-truths and lies are all they say
If you tremble with fear, may you know God is near
Lift your heart to the Lord and pray

When you're feeling despair, misery taints the air
And darkness is clouding your day
Have courage and hold everything you've been told
Listen hard, you will hear Him say

*Help me reach you, O let me teach you
Follow me through all of your days
Walk beside me and speak, come abide in me
Seek the truth, it is found in my ways*

When you do, you will find everyone can be kind
The tensions and pains fall away
Conflicts resolve, every problem can be solved
When the Lord works in you every day

When our faith becomes lost, the world counts the cost
And we're all much worse off in the end
Just remember and pray for those losing their way
They need all the love we can send

Let the Lord fill your heart, only then can you start
To live life with eyes opened wide
It's the journey that makes you, and where this road takes you
Is home, with the freedom to fly (Nick Moore)