

# Christ the King, 22 November 2020

*All Saints', Newtown Linford*

## Preparation

*A New King*

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We stand before the throne of God  
with countless crowds  
from every nation and race, tribe and language.  
**Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honour, power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*cf Revelation 7.9,12*

## *Hymn: Let all the world*

**Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## *Confession*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*cf Matthew 4.17*

**O King enthroned on high,  
filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name,  
Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you  
to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.  
**Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

### *Psalm 93*

- 1 The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel;  
the Lord has put on his glory  
and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure  
that it cannot be moved.
- 3 Your throne has been established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the thunder of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
the Lord on high is mightier.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure;  
holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

**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.**

### *Scripture Reading: Colossians 1.11-20*

<sup>11</sup> [May you be] strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> 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.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### *Address*

**Hymn: All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name**

## *The Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Prayers

### *Intercessions*

Son of Man, come in glory!  
**Come King Jesus.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Awaiting his coming in glory,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray;

**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 those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation;**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**the power, and the glory**  
**for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

### *The Collect of 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.**

***Hymn: All people that on earth***

## The Conclusion

Advent crown, empty and dark  
waits for the season to come.  
Our empty hands, prepared to receive  
the gift of your will being done.

King Jesus, we open our hearts to you:  
**○ come, ○ come Emmanuel.**  
Rule and reign in our lives today,  
**○ come, ○ come Emmanuel.**

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

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