

Morning Prayer

22nd November 2020

Christ the King

Welcome

God is with his people.
He dwells in their midst.
Listen and hear him speak.
Our hearts long for his word.
We wait upon the Lord
so that we may renew our strength.
God is our help and our support.
His spirit moves among us
to lead us in holiness and righteousness
all our days.

**With joyful hearts we sing God's
praise.**

With rejoicing we call upon Him.
**The Lord is our hope and our
salvation.**

Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies
open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O
God, set our hearts on fire with love for
you; now and for ever. **All: Amen**

Confession

Lord, we heard that you were hungry
And we did not share our food.
Forgive us, Lord, forgive
Lord, we heard that you were thirsty
And we kept our drink to ourselves.
Forgive us, Lord, forgive
Lord, we saw you as a stranger
And we closed our door and our heart
Forgive us, Lord, forgive
Lord, we discovered that you were sick
And we avoided contact with you
Forgive us, Lord, forgive
Lord, we heard that you were in prison
And we pretended we did not know you
Forgive us, Lord, forgive
Lord, you came to us again and again
And we were closed up in ourselves
Forgive us, Lord, forgive

Absolution

May the God of love and power
Forgive you and free you from your sins
Heal and strengthen you by his spirit
And raise you to new life in Christ Our
Lord, Amen.

Hymn

Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
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,
Those 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 scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round His piercèd 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.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity..

The Word of God

Matthew 25: 31- end

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

Sermon

A Creed

Our God has created an abundant universe, Giving life to all, and graciously preserving all.

We believe and trust in God.

Our Saviour has made a way to abundant life, Giving His life for all, and compassionately inviting all to share in His Kingdom.

We believe and trust in God.

Our Comforter is poured out as the abundant Spirit, Bringing power and gifts to all, and leading all to fullness of life.

We believe and trust in God, Three in One; Generous and Loving, Faithful and Eternal. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

*This response to "we are your people" is (all): **The Sheep of Your Pasture***
Intercessions conclude with:

Merciful father, **Accept these prayers for the sake of your son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

The Collect

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people
that, richly bearing the fruit of good works, they may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand
till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command,
and fall beneath His feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Notices

The Blessing

You are the body of Christ.
May you have the heart of Christ,
tender for mercy.
May you have the eyes of Christ
to see a world in need.
May you have the feet of Christ
to bring good news.
Go in peace! And God go with you.
And may the blessing of God,
the love of Jesus Christ, and the
presence of the Holy Spirit surround you
and sustain you in the coming days.
Amen.