



Welcome to worship

Sunday 23rd November 2025, 10am

Christ the King

Welcome

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

An opening prayer

Loving God, we have come to worship you
Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song MP 1168

¹Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Saviour;
The hope of nations.

Saviour,
He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save,

*He is mighty to save.
Forever,
Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.*

²So take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures;
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in;
Now I surrender.

*Saviour,
He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
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He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.*

Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King, Jesus.
Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King.

*Saviour,
He can move the mountains,
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He is mighty to save.
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(Reuben Morgan & Ben Fielding)

MP454

Majesty, worship His Majesty
Unto Jesus be glory, honour, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flows from His throne unto His own, His anthems 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.

MP167

¹ Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep me burning till the break of day.

Chorus:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

² Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day. (Chorus)

³ Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day. (Chorus)

⁴ Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;

give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day. (Chorus)

(Betty Pulkingham)

Confession:

**Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people,
we acknowledge and lament our many sins
and the wickedness we have committed time after time,
by thought, word and deed against your divine majesty.**

**We have provoked your righteous anger
and your indignation against us.
We earnestly repent,
and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings;
the memory of them weighs us down,
the burden of them is too great for us to bear.**

**Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that from this time forward
we may always serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Absolution:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith
turn to him:
have mercy on *us*,
pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins,**

confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness,
and bring *us* to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect – for Christ the King.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Song: MP 1334

¹My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust on Jesus' name. (*repeat verse*)

*Christ alone, cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm he is Lord,
Lord of all.*

²When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus (repeated)

³When he shall come with trumpet sound,

Oh, may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

Chorus (repeated)

(Edward Mote, add. Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan and Eric Liljero)

Bible readings read by Ellie, Janiah and Matt

Psalm 46: p570

God is with Us

¹God is our shelter and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.
²So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken
and mountains fall into the ocean depths;
³even if the seas roar and rage,
and the hills are shaken by the violence.
⁴There is a river that brings joy to the city of God,
to the sacred house of the Most High.
⁵God is in that city, and it will never be destroyed;
at early dawn he will come to its aid.
⁶Nations are terrified, kingdoms are shaken;
God thunders, and the earth dissolves.
⁷The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
⁸Come and see what the LORD has done.
See what amazing things he has done on earth.
⁹He stops wars all over the world;
he breaks bows, destroys spears,
and sets shields on fire.
¹⁰“Stop fighting,” he says, “and know that I am God,
supreme among the nations,
supreme over the world.”
¹¹The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Colossians 1: 1-20 p1182

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters^[a] in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.^[b]

Thanksgiving and Prayer

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant,^[c] who is a faithful minister of Christ on our^[d] behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,^[e] ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 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^[f] 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.

The Supremacy of the Son of God

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.

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

Talk prepared by Will and Dan

Song: MP 1087

Lord, I come before Your throne of grace;
I find rest in Your presence
And fulness of joy.
In worship and wonder
I behold Your face,
Singing what a faithful God have I.

What a faithful God have I,
What a faithful God.
What a faithful God have I,
Faithful in every way.

Lord of mercy, You have heard my cry;
Through the storm You're the beacon,
My song in the night.
In the shelter of Your wings,
Hear my heart's reply,
Singing what a faithful God have I.

Lord all sovereign, granting peace from heaven,
Let me comfort those who suffer
With the comfort You have given.
I will tell of Your great love for as long as I live,
Singing what a faithful God have I.

(Robert and Dawn Critchley)

Thanksgiving for our offering.

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son**

Intercessions led by Harrison, Isla, Charlie F and Charlie M

The Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Notices and family news

Song: MP 109

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy chosen king
through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Son of God
Before the worlds begun
And ye who tread where He hath trod
Crown Him the Son of Man
Who every grief hath known
That wrings the human breast,
And takes and bears them for his own
And all in Him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

4. Crown him the Lord of heaven;
enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the King to whom is given
The wondrous name of love
All hail, Redeemer hail!
For Thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

(Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring)

Blessing

Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift of your holy word.
May it be a lantern to our feet,
a light to our paths,
and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us
to love and serve
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon us his children,
that we may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be with us all, ever more.

Amen

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