

**Tenpenny Villages Benefice
Morning Prayer from the Rectory
Christ the King
22nd November 2020**



Welcome

Welcome to our Morning Worship livestream. As we gather online, we are aware that we meet at a distance but that we are brought together by the presence of God's Spirit meeting us in our homes and spanning the gaps between us..

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you: **and also with you.**

A special welcome if you are isolating at home, to anyone watching on their own and to any children and teens. *Today, as we move towards Advent – we hear Jesus teaching on the "Sheep and the Goats", and we recognise Jesus as our King.*

Opening Prayer / Reading

Kyrie Confession:

Lord, you give justice to those who are suffering
and bread to those who hunger.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you loose those who are bound
and open the eyes of the blind.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you watch over the stranger in the land
and uphold the orphan and the widow.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

cf Psalm 146.6,7,9

Hymns:

Make way, make way, for Christ the King
In splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
Into your lives.

*Make way! (MEN - WOMEN ECHO)
Make way! (MEN - WOMEN ECHO)
For the King of kings. (MEN - WOMEN
ECHO)
Make way! (MEN - WOMEN ECHO)
Make way! ((MEN - WOMEN ECHO)
And let His kingdom in. (ALL)*

He comes the broken hearts to heal
The prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
The blind shall see.

We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all.
To have no gods before Him
Their thrones must fall!

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
Who weep and sigh;
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify.

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Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹ ‘Then he will say to those on his left, “Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me.”

⁴⁴ ‘They also will answer, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?”

⁴⁵ ‘He will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.”

⁴⁶ ‘Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.’

Reflection: Andrew Fordyce

Hymn:

All glory to the King of ages.

All glory to the King of kings.
His name is love, His name is Jesus,
Enthroned above in majesty.

Into this world You came to save us,
You bore the cross You took my sin.
You shone Your light into my darkness,
Unveiled the truth, this mystery.

Ever faithful God, I cling to You,
In ev'ry way You've shown that You are
good.
There's no other love compares with You,
Forever strong, forever true.
Ever faithful God I cling to You.

You are the end of all my searching,
You pour Your grace on all my need.
Unfailing love, unending mercy
Are found in You, the Prince of Peace.

With a prayer You fed the hungry,

With a cry You stilled the storm;
With a look You had compassion
On the desperate and forlorn.
With a touch You healed the leper,
With a shout You raised the dead;
With a word expelled the demons,
With a blessing broke the bread.

*Love Incarnate, Love Divine,
Captivate this heart of mine,
Till all I do
Speaks of You.*

*You are my God,
You are my Saviour,
You are the Rock
On which I stand.
What You're worth.*

*You are my God
You are my Saviour
You are the Rock
On which I stand
You are my God
You are my Saviour
Eternal One
The Great I Am*

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As a sheep before the shearer
You were silent in Your pain;
You endured humiliation
At the hands of those You'd made.
And as hell unleashed its fury
You were lifted on a tree,
Crying 'Father God, forgive them,
Place their punishment on me.'

I will feed the poor and hungry,
I will stand up for the truth;
I will take my cross and follow
To the corners of the earth.
And I ask that You so fill me
With Your peace, Your power, Your
breath,
That I never love my life so much
To shrink from facing death.

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Prayers of the people

Let us pray that the Kingdom of Christ may live in our hearts and come to our world. Lord we give thanks for every moment in the life of your Church that reflects the Kingship of Jesus.

Father all-powerful, God of love, you have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from death to life, resplendent in glory as King of creation. Heavenly Lord, help us to have hope that you can raise us from this Lockdown and revive your Church in this nation.

Open our hearts, free all the world to rejoice in your peace, to glory in your justice, to live in your love. We pray for all who are stretched at this time whether they are caring, educating or employing.

Bring all people together in Jesus Christ your Son, whose Kingdom is with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Lord as we look divisions that exist socially, politically and even with faith wise – thank you that you bring unity through your truth, love and humility.

We pray that the Kingdom of Christ may live in our hearts and come to our world. Lord we pray your kingdom come for all who suffer in body, mind and spirit and for those who grieve.

Heavenly King we offer these prayers, as you welcome us to share our hearts with you, Amen.

This week interviews took place for our next Bishop of Chelmsford, so we continue to pray:

*God of provision and care,
discernment and knowledge:*

lead us in your love,

empower us by your Spirit,

and equip us with your gifts;

give us hearts full of love for all people,

minds open to the signs of the times,

and wisdom to know how to respond

to the voice of your calling;

We ask this through him whose coming is certain,

whose day draws near, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect:

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.

The Blessing

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