

**Morning Prayer**  
**24th November - Christ the King**  
**(We will be following this in our own homes at 10.30am)**

*Please read these words out loud, or in your heart.*

**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Alleluia.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

Alleluia.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept, to ask forgiveness of our sins  
and to seek God's strength for our life of service.*

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.

Amen.

**The Word of God**

**Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

<sup>9</sup>'As I looked,

'thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was as white as snow;

the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire,

and its wheels were all ablaze.

<sup>10</sup> A river of fire was flowing,

coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands attended him;

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated, and the books were opened.

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<sup>13</sup>'In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. <sup>14</sup> He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament reading: John 18:33-37

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

<sup>34</sup> 'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?'

<sup>35</sup> 'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?'

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.'

<sup>37</sup> 'You are a king, then!' said Pilate.

Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Song of David

1 Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,  
for yours is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

2 Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;  
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,  
and you are exalted as head over all.

3 Riches and honour come from you  
and you rule over all.

4 In your hand are power and might;  
yours it is to give power and strength to all.

5 And now we give you thanks, our God,  
and praise your glorious name.

6 For all things come from you,  
and of your own have we given you.

*1 Chronicles 29.10b-13,14b*

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.

## Prayers

*Please offer your own prayers following these suggestions, if you wish, with the response below:*

- ¶ *for the day and its tasks*
- ¶ *for the world and its needs*
- ¶ *for the Church and her life*
- ¶ *for all emergency workers*

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

*Silence may be kept.*

Stir up, O Lord,  
the will of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Collect

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.

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
"Our Father, who art in heaven ..."

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

## **The Conclusion**

May God the Father,  
who has given to his Son the name above every name,  
strengthen us to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

May God the Son,  
who is our great High Priest passed into the heavens,  
plead for us at the right hand of the Father.

May God the Holy Spirit,  
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,  
make us faithful servants of Christ our King.

Let us go in the peace of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

*Our benefice service of Holy Communion takes place today at  
Mickley at 10.30 am.*

***Everyone from across the benefice (and beyond) is welcome at all services.***