



St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth
Serving the whole community



**Sunday Worship
for the Feast of
Christ the King**

Sunday 21 November 2021

Today's All-age Worship Service has been planned by David Carruthers, Janet Lucas, Annette Leveridge and Deborah. The reading is the Gospel set in the Lectionary for the day, and the hymns, songs and activities have been chosen to reflect different themes from this passage.

We reflect on Christ as our King. With time to pause, pray, reflect and respond - we hope this Service will provide a time for us all to reflect on Jesus as ruler of the whole of creation.

Today's Service has a range of activities and opportunities for personal reflection - for all ages. We hope you will be encouraged, challenged, affirmed.

Beginning

Welcome The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Who do you think this is?

Opening Prayer

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: To God be the glory

To God be the glory! great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!...

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!...

Who do you say that I am?

Reading: John 18.33-37

- Narrator* Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him:
- Pilate* Are you the king of the Jews?
- Narrator* Jesus said:
- Jesus* Is that your own idea or did others talk to you about me?
- Pilate* Am I a Jew? It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?
- Jesus* My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.
- Pilate* You are a king, then!
- Jesus* You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this. I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.
- Narrator* For the Word of the Lord
- All* **Thanks be to God**

Time to reflect together



A king needs subjects



A king has earthly power



A king leads his army



Jesus, the humble king, declared the truth of God



Jesus the king will come in power

Statement of Faith

Jesus, you were the first to conquer death
and this we celebrate! Alleluia.

Jesus you are the ruler of all earthly kings
and this we celebrate! Alleluia.

Jesus Christ, you love us
and this we celebrate! Alleluia.

Jesus, you set us free from our sins
and this we celebrate! Alleluia.

Jesus, you will return, coming with the clouds
and this we celebrate! Alleluia.

Everyone will see you
and this we celebrate! Alleluia.

Yes, it will happen!
and this we celebrate! Alleluia.

Amen.
and this we celebrate! Alleluia.

Hymn: King of glory, King of peace

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.

Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

Praying to Christ the King

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you that you are a king. We thank you that we can make our requests to you at any time and in any place. We thank you that we do not have to give you a gift to force you to listen to us. We ask you to hear our requests and meet our needs. May we go on trusting you as our king until you return in all your glory. Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

Song: Majesty!

Majesty, worship His majesty,
unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
flows from his throne unto his own;
his anthem 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.

Jesus our King!

Prayer of Blessing

Christ our King make us faithful and strong to do his will, that we may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

Song: Hosanna to the Son of David

You are the King of glory,
You are the Prince of Peace,
You are the Lord of heaven and earth,
You're the sun of righteousness,
angels bow down before You,
worship and adore – for
You have the words of eternal life;
You are Jesus Christ, the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna to the King of Kings!

Glory in the highest heaven,

for Jesus the Messiah reigns.

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to help you reflect on our Service today**

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