

St Saviour's Church

Chalk Farm

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Christ the King – 21st November 2021



THE FIRST HYMN

1

Angel voices ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel harps for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee
And confess thee
Lord of might

2

Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art hear us,
And wilt hear us?
Yes, we can.

3

For, we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.

4

In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer
All unworthily
hearts and minds and
hands and voices
In our choicest
Psalmody.

5
Honour, glory, might and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity.
Of the best which thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.

Francis Pott

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with
you - **and also with you.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Jesus says 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. So let us turn
away from sin, and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, And keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE 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.**

FIRST READING Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. ¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 93

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed
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The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel;
The Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength.
He has made the whole world so sure
That it cannot be moved. *Response*

Your throne has been established from of old;
You are from everlasting.
The floods have lifted up O Lord the floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their pounding waves. *Response*

Mightier than the thunder of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
The Lord on high is mightier.
Your testimonies are very sure;
Holiness adorns your house O Lord for ever. *Response*

SECOND READING Revelation 1.4b-8

⁴ Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'To be exalted thus;'
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'For he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and power divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all creation join in one
To bless the sacred name
Of him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

Isaac Watts

GOSPEL John 18.33-37

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven. **Alleluia**

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵ Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not

from here.' ³⁷ Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'
This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God, from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE INTERCESSIONS

One of these responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.** or

Lord, hear us **Lord, graciously hear us.**



We pray for:

Adrian, Belinda, Bruno, Charles, Chinyere, Jean Dickinson, Joan, Joanne, John, Mirela, Nicholas, Noam, Norah, Rachel, Sean, Sue, Zalan

The prayers end with these words:

Merciful Father

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

THE PEACE

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

and also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN

This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

This is my blood, poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

Love one another: I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Jimmy Owens and Damian Lundy

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord,

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross and
redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your almighty majesty a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so, with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we
proclaim your glory and join in the unending hymn of praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our
Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread
and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made
once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and
glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this
memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you
this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your
presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of *[N and]* all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills 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.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

NOTICES

THE FINAL HYMN

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown
the high renown, th' eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified.

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love.

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song.

THE BLESSING

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.