

For why? the Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure..

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel-host  
be praise and glory evermore.

*William Kethe, (fl 1559-died 1594)*

**Blessing:** *(responses led by John and Joyce Harrison)*  
God the Father,  
who has given to his Son the name above every name,  
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

**All: Amen.**  
God the Son,  
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,  
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

**All: Amen.**  
God the Holy Spirit,  
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,  
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.

**All: Amen.**

## WELCOME TO

### CHRIST CHURCH EATON!

#### A Virtual Service of Morning Prayer

Sunday 22 November

The Sunday next before Advent

### Christ the King

*Please note that the Zoom hosts will mute people during responses to avoid interference, echoes and noises off. Once the service starts, please do not unmute yourself unless you know you have a speaking part.*

Our service this morning is led by Patrick

*Alistair Bolt and John Ladd are co-hosting*

**Informal Welcome and groups** *Patrick*

*Six minutes chat in breakout groups to see how people are.*

*The hosts will try to unmute everyone.*

*(response led by Vivien Humber)*

O Lord, open our lips

**All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Your faithful servants bless you.

**All:** They make known the glory of your kingdom.

**Hymn:** Let all the world in every corner sing

*Sung by the Choral Scholars of*

*St Martin-in-the-Fields (mp3)*

Let all the world in every corner sing:

My God and King!

The heavens are not too high,

his praise may thither fly;

the earth is not too low,

his praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing:

My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing:

My God and King!

The church with psalms must shout,

no door can keep them out;

but above all, the heart

must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing:

My God and King!

*George Herbert (1593-1633)*

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.

**Hymn:** All people that on earth do dwell

*Sung by the Choral Scholars of*

*St Martin-in-the-Fields (mp3)*

All people that on earth do dwell,

sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;

him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,

come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;

without our aid he did us make;

we are his folk, he doth us feed,

and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,

approach with joy his courts unto;

praise, laud, and bless his name always,

for it is seemly so to do.

**At the end:**

Merciful Father,

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

**The 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.

*(response led by John & Kathy Ladd)*

**All: Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*(led by John & Kathy Ladd)*

**All: 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.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
ruler and judge of all,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of this age that is passing away  
may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy  
surround our steps as we journey on.

May we reflect your glory this day

and so be made ready to see your face  
in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.

*(response led by Vivien Humber)*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

**Silence is kept.**

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.

*(response led by Paul James)*

**All: Amen.**

**Psalm 95:1-7** *(responses led by Paul James)*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**All:** let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving

**All:** and be glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God

**All:** and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth

**All:** and the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

**All:** and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down

**All:** and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God;

**All:** we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**All:** 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.

**Homily:** Patrick

**Anthem** King of Glory – Grayston Ives

Sung by the Choral Scholars of

St Martin-in-the-Fields **(mp3)**

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.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

**Prayers:** *(prayers led by Peter Smith,  
responses by John & Kathy Ladd)*

**These responses may be used**

Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

*(response led by Patrick)*

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Reading: Ezekiel 34:1-16, 20-24** *(read by Caroline Gibbs)*

*God himself will gather and shepherd his people*

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far

and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

*(response led by Roger & Wendy Glenwright)*

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Canticle: (responses led by Roger & Wendy Glenwright)**

**All: I will make a way in the wilderness,  
and rivers in the desert.**

'I am the Lord, your Holy One,

**All: the Creator of Israel, your King.'**

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,

**All: a path in the mighty waters,**

'Remember not the former things,

**All: nor consider the things of old.**

'Behold, I am doing a new thing;

**All: now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?**

'I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert,

**All: to give drink to my chosen people,**

'The people whom I formed for myself,

**All: that they might declare my praise.'**

*Isaiah 43.15, 16, 18, 19, 20c, 21*

**All: 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.**

**All: I will make a way in the wilderness,  
and rivers in the desert.**

**Reading: Matthew 25:31-46 (read by Caragh Walsh)**

*Jesus completes his teaching, describing how he will judge all the nations*

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was