

Morning Prayer for Stalham & Smallburgh Benefices

22nd November 2020 – Christ the King

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes.

God is close to those who trust in him.

Nahum 1.7

Opening Sentences

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

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

Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.

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.

Hymn

- 1 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!
- 2 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!

Confession

Loving Father, we confess that we have failed you in thought, word and deed.

We ask for your mercy and your help.

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 95: 1-7a

**Refrain: The Lord is a great God, and a great King
above all Gods.**

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.**
- 3 For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
- 4 **In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 **Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

**Refrain: The Lord is a great God, and a great King
above all Gods.**

**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.**

Bible Readings

The full text of the readings can be found in Pews News.

At the end of the reading

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

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

This week's reflection has been written by Geoffrey Dixon. You can find the full text of the reflection in Pews News.

The Creed

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Almighty God,
keep us faithful to you
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect
in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers

The response in our prayers is
Christ our King,
we worship and adore you.

And at the end

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

You can find the full text of the prayers in Pews News.

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely to the
beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger;
order us in all our doings and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;
kingship with him, his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Prophets of Christ, we hear his Word;
he claims our minds, to search his ways;
he claims our lips, to speak his truth;
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.

We are his Church, he makes us one;
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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