

# **CHRIST THE KING**

## **24 November 2024 (Morning Worship)**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
Give us the joy of your saving help  
**and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

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**God is love: his the care,  
tending each, ev'rywhere.  
God is love, all is there!  
Jesus came to show him,  
that we all might know him!**

***Sing aloud, loud, loud!  
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God is good! God is truth!  
God is beauty! Praise him!***

**None can see God above;  
we can share life and love;  
thus may we Godward move,  
seek him in creation,  
holding ev'ry nation.**

**Jesus lived on the earth,  
hope and life brought to birth  
and affirmed human worth,  
for he came to save us  
by the truth he gave us.**

**To our Lord praise we sing,  
light and life, friend and King,  
coming down, love to bring,  
pattern for our duty,  
showing God in beauty.**

*Opening prayer*

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

*Prayers of Penitence (confession)*

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

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse *us* from *our* sins,  
and restore *us* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**  
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**  
Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
creator and redeemer of all;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the waters of chaos you drew for the world  
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.  
Now, through the deep waters of death,  
you have brought your people to new birth  
by raising your Son to life in triumph.  
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts  
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*108 Isaac Watts (1674-1758) alt.*

**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 pow'r 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.**

*Daniel 7: 9–10, 13, 14*

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. 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. 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. 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.**

*Psalms 93*

1 The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel;  
the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength.

**2 He has made the whole world so sure  
that it cannot be moved.**

3 Your throne has been established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.

**4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their pounding waves.**

5 Mightier than the thunder of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
the Lord on high is mightier.

**6 Your testimonies are very sure;  
holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.**

**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.**

*Revelation 1.4b–8*

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 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, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*634 Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), based on Psalm 23*

**The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight,  
thy unction grace bestoweth:  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.**

*John 18.33–37*

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' 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?' 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.' 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 word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The response*

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

**And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on the earth.

**And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears  
you will appear with him in glory.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give you light.**

*from Colossians 3*

*Benedictus (Song of Zechariah) Luke 1.68-79*

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our  
enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
6 Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the  
days of our life.  
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will  
go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
8 To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.  
9 In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
**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.**

*399 Charles Wesley (1707-1788), John Cennick (1718-1755) and Martin Madan (1728-1790) alt.*

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for mortal sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ appears on earth to reign.**

**Ev'ry eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
we who set at naught and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,  
shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory,**

**claim the kingdom for thine own.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.**

*The sermon*

*The Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Prayers*

*Intercessions are offered, and the collect is said*

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 is said*

**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.**



*The Blessing*

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.**

*(or) The Grace*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen**

*(or) The Peace*

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*280 v. 1 Leonard E. Smith Jnr (b. 1942) based on Isaiah 52:7-10, vs. 2-4  
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**How lovely on the mountains  
are the feet of him  
who brings good news, good news,  
announcing peace,  
proclaiming news of happiness:  
our God reigns, our God reigns.**

***Our God reigns. (x4)***

**You watchmen, lift your voices  
joyfully as one,  
shout for your King, your King!  
See eye to eye,  
the Lord restoring Zion:  
our God reigns, our God reigns.**

**Wasteplaces of Jerusalem,  
break forth with joy!  
We are redeemed, redeemed.**

**The Lord has saved  
and comforted his people:  
our God reigns, our God reigns.**

**Ends of the earth, see  
the salvation of our God!  
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!  
Before the nations,  
he has bared his holy arm:  
our God reigns, our God reigns!**

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