

# Christ the King

John 18: 28 – 40

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021



# Welcome and notices

- Roger Hales' funeral – Monday  
22nd November, 10am at the  
church.



- Hope Café – every Tuesday in term-time from 10am -12noon.
- Prayer evening – Tuesday 23rd November, 7.30pm at church
- Church Meeting – Sunday 28th November after the morning service.



# Call to worship

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty – he is the King of glory.  
(Psalm 24:9-10)



# Opening prayer and confession

Loving God, we gather before you as Christians across the world have done for centuries. We come as we are, bringing all our gifts and our personalities, all that we do well and for good.



We come in the hope and expectation that we will meet with you here today, as the Scriptures are read and opened to us, and as the music and songs touch our hearts.



We also bring our weakness and our sorrow and all the ways in which we fail. Lord, forgive us and set us free to praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# Come people of the risen king



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**Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in**



**Rejoice! Rejoice!**  
**Let every tongue rejoice**  
**One heart one voice,**  
**O Church of Christ rejoice**



**Come those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**  
**Let every tongue rejoice**  
**One heart one voice,**  
**O Church of Christ rejoice**



**Come young and old from every land  
Men and women of the faith  
Come those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age  
Our God is all in all**



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# 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.**





King of kings, majesty



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**God of heaven living in me.  
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,  
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End  
All within me falls at Your throne.**



**Your majesty, I can but bow;  
I lay my all before You now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve Your majesty.**



**Earth and heaven worship You,  
Love eternal, faithful and true,  
Who bought the nations,  
ransomed souls,  
Brought this sinner near to Your  
throne  
All within me cries out in praise.**

# Offertory prayer

Lord our God, we offer to you our worship and all we have for the glory of your holy name. Bless now these gifts that through them your kingdom may come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# Prayer for Sunday club

Lord, bless now our children and those who lead them that together they may draw close to you and know your presence; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



# To Christ the king



**Oh we were wandering in the dark  
We had lost our hope and way  
And we were restless in our hearts  
How we needed to be saved  
And so to rescue all your own**



**You sent to us your only son  
A light to fall, a peace to bring  
The coming of our Christ, the King**



**The word made flesh, the light from  
light**

**A cry that pierced our endless noise**

**A child to speak into our pain**

**Restoring unto us our joy**



**To teach our hearts and heal our  
wounds**

**Replace our doubt with heaven's  
truth**

**The broken, healed; the lost,  
redeemed**

**The beauty of our Christ, the King**



**Though heaven's glory he had  
shown**

**All our praises turned to scorn**

**The gift of mercy that he gave**

**We returned with cross and thorn**

**Yet to the end, he loved us still**



**Surrendered to the Father's will  
Forgiveness was his offering  
The mercy of our Christ, the King**

**And though they laid him in the  
tomb**

**In the silence of the grave**

**No stone could keep the love of God**

**From the ones he came to save**

**And so in power and radiant light**



**He vanquished death and rose to  
life**

**Now with the heavens I shall sing  
The glory of our Christ the King**



# John 18: 28 - 40

28 Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor.



By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.



29 So Pilate came out to them and asked, 'What charges are you bringing against this man?' 30 'If he were not a criminal,' they replied, 'we would not have handed him over to you.'



31 Pilate said, 'Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.' 'But we have no right to execute anyone,' they objected. 32 This took place to fulfil what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die.



33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

34 'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?'



35 'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?'

36 Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants



would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.'

37 'You are a king, then!' said Pilate. Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king.'



In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'

38 'What is truth?' retorted Pilate.

With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, 'I find no basis for a charge against him. 39 But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover.



Do you want me to release “the king of the Jews”?’ 40 They shouted back, ‘No, not him! Give us Barabbas!’ Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.



This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**



# Reflection

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# Prayers of intercession



# The Lord's Prayer

**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.**





JESUS  
IS  
KING



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**JESUS IS KING and I will extol Him,  
Give Him the glory, and honour  
His name.**

**He reigns on high, enthroned in  
the heavens,**

**Word of the Father, exalted for us.**



**We have a hope that is steadfast  
and certain,  
Gone through the curtain  
and touching the throne.  
We have a Priest who is there  
interceding,**



**Pouring His grace on our lives  
day by day.**



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**We come to Him, our Priest and  
Apostle,  
Clothed in His glory and bearing  
His name,  
Laying our lives with gladness  
before Him;**



**Filled with His Spirit we worship  
the King.**



**O Holy One, our hearts do adore  
You;  
Thrilled with Your goodness  
we give You our praise.  
Angels in light with worship  
surround Him,**



**Jesus, our Saviour, forever the  
same.**



# Closing prayer and blessing

Gracious Lord, you are the Way, the truth and the Life. Help us this week to acknowledge you as our King so that others may learn of your rule and know you as their King; for your kingdom's sake. **Amen.**



And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit, be with us and with all  
whom we love now and always.

**Amen**



Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

