

**Service for
Christ the King**

King of Glory



King of Peace

St Laurence Church, Downton

22 November 2020

Preparation

Call to Worship

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is the King of glory?’
**‘The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.’**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is this King of glory?’
**‘The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.’**

Psalm 24:7-10

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.**

The Team Rector introduces the service

Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King
(Cambridge Sidney Sussex College Choir)

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he has purged our stains,
he took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Confession:

The kingdom is yours,
but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and strength:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory of God:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.
Amen.

Prayer:

Christ our Heavenly King,
give us a vision of our world as your love would make it:

a world where the weak are protected
and none go hungry or poor;

a world where the benefits of civilized life are shared,
and everyone can enjoy them;

a world where different races, nations and cultures
live in tolerance and mutual respect,

a world where peace is built with justice,
and justice is guided by love;

and give us the inspiration and courage to build it,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Geoffrey Brown and John Pridmore

Prayer for the nation - the prayer for this week:

Loving Father God,
be with us in our distress;
be with our families, friends, and neighbours,
our country and our world.

Give health to the sick, hope to the fearful,
and comfort to mourners.

Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers,
insight to our Government,
and patience to us all.

Overcome disease with the power of your new life,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Music: *O God, the King of Glory*

(Henry Purcell - from Canterbury Cathedral)

Prayers

We are led in a time of prayer

This response is used:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is said:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
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.**

Conclusion

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.**

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.**

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. *Matthew 28:18-19*

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.