

**Zoom Service Feast of Christ the King  
22 November 2020**

**We meet in the name of God who is (+) Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

*The Service is introduced and then we sing Crown Him with many crowns – Big Sing Recording*

*The Priest will introduce the confession.*

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

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.**

*We listen to the Kyrie from Victoria*

*We are reminded of God's forgiveness.*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, (+) pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We join in singing the Gloria together – green screen*

***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.**

*First Reading - Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24*

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Second Reading - Ephesians 1: 15-end*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who

fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We sing When I needed a neighbour*

*The Gospel is announced.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25: 31-end

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'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 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.'

*At the end.*

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

*We listen to the sermon followed by a time of reflection.*

Let us affirm our faith in God.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
And 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.**

We come before God with our prayers of intercession

*During the prayers we use the response:*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our Prayer.**

*Sometimes we will also use the words after we pray for those who have died:*

Rest Eternal, Grant unto them O Lord  
**And may light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace  
**And rise in Glory**

*At the conclusion of the prayers there is a time of silence followed by*

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to prayer with confidence saying:

**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**

*We sing Beauty for Brokenness*

*We receive God's blessing*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts  
and bring you to 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**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**