

CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON
ZOOM CHURCH SERVICE – SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 10am
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING and STIR UP SUNDAY
LED BY MICHAEL BURNS. MUSIC BY TOM THEAKSTON



Welcome by The Reverend Michael Burns, Vicar

Opening Hymn – 87

Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled;
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise
 these hallowed courts shall ring;
 our voices we will raise
 the Three in One to sing;
 and thus proclaim
 in joyful song,
 both loud and long,
 that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou
 for evermore draw nigh;
 accept each faithful vow,
 and mark each suppliant sigh;
 in copious shower
 on all who pray
 each holy day
 thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven
 the grace which we implore;
 and may that grace, once given,
 be with us evermore,
 until that day
 when all the blest
 to endless rest
 are called away.

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

The world belongs to the Lord,

All: The earth and its people are his.

How good and how lovely it is

All: To live together in unity.

Love and faith come together,

All: Justice and peace join hands

If the Lord's disciples keep silent

All: These stones would shout aloud

O Lord, open our lips,

All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

All: Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen

Confession:

We pause to remember what we have said and thought and done that has been wrong
 Almighty God, the kingdom is yours but we turn away from your just rule:
 Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

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

All: Christ have mercy.

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

All: Lord have mercy.

Absolution

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.**

The Collect for the feast of Christ the King:

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 – Ephesians 1/15-end read by Simon Rocksborough Smith

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis SUNG together

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

Gospel Reading- Matthew 25/31-end read by Nick Robins

Jesus said to his disciples: '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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Homily

Profession of Faith: Let us declare our faith in God:

**All: 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 the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

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

Prayers of Intercession led by Mary Ann Bown

At the end: **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

So as Jesus taught us we say together:

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

After some silence as we pray for each other, we say together our parish prayer:

**Eternal Father, look with love on your people of Christ Church
and pour upon us the gifts of your Spirit.**

**Although we are apart, draw us to you and to one another,
so that by our growing love and unity we may bring healing and life to all.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To crown all things, there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Notices including the chance for the children to share any of their pictures.

At the end of the service, there is the option for you to join in a 'chat breakout room' with a smaller group of people. These groups are formed at random (we don't have control over who might be in which room!) and give you the chance to say hello to people you might know or meet people who you might not know – a bit like we do over coffee in church. At any point you can leave the chat breakout room and come back to the main group – or you can leave the service altogether and continue to enjoy the rest of your Sunday.

Final Hymn – 223

Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
proclaim Christ Jesus, saviour, Lord, and king,
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours which cares for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King, for evermore

Let us pray: 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.

Amen.

A prayer for the 2nd Lockdown written by the Dean of Southwark

Lord Jesus, who entered the locked room and made yourself known to your friends; be with us in this lockdown that we may be aware of your presence and know your blessing upon us. **Amen.**

The Blessing: God the Father, who has given to his son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. God the Son, who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, pray for you at the right hand of the Father. God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King, and the blessing....**Amen.**

Please do unmute yourselves at this point if you wish

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will that you may reign with him in glory.
Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Chance to say hello and then goodbye to everyone as you either leave the Zoom service or join one of the random break-out rooms to chat to people – some of whom you may know and some of whom you may not know!