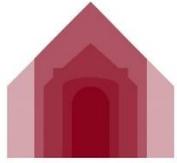


Welcoming - Worshipping - Serving



The Parish Church of St
John the Baptist
West Byfleet

Sunday 22nd November 2020



An act of
worship for
the Festival of
Christ the King

The Vicar writes...

The Festival of Christ the King is the culmination of the Church Year, prior to the next year beginning on Advent Sunday next weekend. We are reminded not just that Jesus is Lord (as if that were not enough!) but also of what that means for those who claim to follow Him. It is a Sunday for celebration, but also for commitment. I pray that as we each share in this act of worship, we would experience both.

Gathering

Words of welcome

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

All Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

All the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

All O praise the name of the Lord!

All 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 forever.

Amen.

Almighty God,

your Son has opened for us

a new and living way into your presence.

Give us new hearts and constant wills

to worship you in spirit and in truth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Hymn

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 had purged our stains he took his seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)
Tune: Gopsal; G F Handel (1685-1759)

The Collect (Prayer for today)

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.

All Amen.

Bible reading: *Ephesians 1.15-23*

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ 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, ¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ 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, ²¹ 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. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Homily

Hymn

All heaven declares
the glory of the risen Lord;
who can compare
with the beauty of the Lord?
For ever he will be
the lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee
and worship him alone.

I will proclaim
the glory of the risen Lord,

who once was slain
to reconcile man to God.
For ever you will be
the lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee
and worship him alone.

*Words & music: Noël Richards (b1955) & Tricia Richards (b1960);
arr James Whitbourn (b1963)*

Prayers of Penitence and Intercession

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil distortions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for all his children.

Turn to us again, O God our Saviour,
and let your anger cease from us:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us

a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority.
Let us now seek his intercession,
that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

Jesus Christ, great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us:
pray for your Church, your broken body in the world ...
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness,
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high:
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule ...
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of man, drawing humanity into the life of God:
pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow ...
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation,
bringing us to your glory through your death and resurrection:
pray for all who are dying,
that they may trust in your promises ...
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ,
Lord of all things,
ascended far above from the heavens and filling the universe:
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for
work in your service ...
Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, first-fruits of the new creation,
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
until you bring the whole created order to worship at your feet;
for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Music for reflection

King of all ages, throned on high,
Yet saviour too of those with faith,
Death at your onslaught died in fear
And grace triumphant rules supreme.

Risen from death, the heavenly Christ
Receives from God the Father's hand
Power over all created things:
A gift he could not know on earth.

Then at your coming on the clouds
With shining strength to be our judge,
Cancel the debt we owe you still,
Give back the glory we have lost.

Glory to you, O Christ our Lord,
Exalted far beyond our sight,

Reigning in bliss for evermore,
With Father and with Paraclete. Amen.

*Words: 10th century Latin (tr. Mount St Bernard Abbey)
Music: Paul Isom (b1959)*

Closing remarks

The Dismissal

**All 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.**

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.
All Amen.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.
All Amen.

Organ voluntary

*Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn (Today, God's Son triumphs),
BWV630 by J S Bach (1685-1750)*