

The Benefice of Chew Valley East

Morning Prayer for Sunday 21 November 2021, Christ the King

*If you wish to join in the service, then the words in **bold** are to be said together. Please join in with the Psalms and Canticles – either by reciting each one in its entirety, or in response to the worship leader by reciting the even numbered verses.*

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your faithful servants bless you.
They make known the glory of your kingdom.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
ruler and judge of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of this age that is passing away
may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy
surround our steps as we journey on.
May we reflect your glory this day
and so be made ready to see your face
in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

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 Word of God

Psalm 93

¹The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel; ♦
the Lord has put on his glory
and girded himself with strength.

²He has made the whole world so sure ♦
that it cannot be moved.

³Your throne has been established from of old; ♦
you are from everlasting.

⁴The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice; ♦
the floods lift up their pounding waves.

⁵Mightier than the thunder of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, ♦
the Lord on high is mightier.

⁶Your testimonies are very sure; ♦
holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

First Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

⁴Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Canticle

**I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.**

¹‘I am the Lord, your Holy One, ♦
the Creator of Israel, your King.’

²Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, ♦
a path in the mighty waters,

³‘Remember not the former things, ♦
nor consider the things of old.

⁴‘Behold, I am doing a new thing; ♦
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?’

⁵‘I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert, ♦
to give drink to my chosen people,

⁶‘The people whom I formed for myself, ♦
that they might declare my praise.’

Isaiah 43.15, 16, 18, 19, 20c, 21

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.**

Second Reading: John 18:33-37

³³Pilate asked Jesus, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ ³⁴Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ ³⁵Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ ³⁶Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ ³⁷Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

Responsory

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,
my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.

The heavens bear witness to your wonders;

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

The assembly of your saints proclaims your truth;

my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,

my lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.

from Psalm 89

Gospel Canticle: Benedictus

**You will guide us with your counsel, O God,
and afterwards receive us with glory.**

¹Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.

²He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.

³Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

⁴To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.

⁵This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

⁶Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

⁷And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

⁸To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

⁹In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

¹⁰To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.68-79*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**You will guide us with your counsel, O God,
and afterwards receive us with glory.**

Intercessions

Let us with confidence present our prayers and supplications to the throne of grace.

We pray for all those in positions of power,
that they may govern with wisdom and integrity,
serving the needs of their people.
May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church, the sign of your reign,
that it may extend your welcome to people of every race and background.
May your kingdom come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christians of every denomination,
that together we may come to understand
the royal priesthood you bestowed on us in baptism.
May your dominion come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose commitment to truth
brings them into conflict with earthly powers,
that they may have the courage to endure.
May your rule come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community of faith,
that attentive to your word
we may always worship in spirit and in truth.
May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Loving God,
you have taught us that the power of the heart
is greater than the power of wealth and might.
Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our King;
to him be glory and power for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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.

Conclusion

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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