

Welcome to this **Christ the King** Sunday
Communion Service



The online services are a combination the service sheet with links to Revd Steven, the hymns, music etc

Instructions: [Click on the links in blue](#) to activate hymns and films as you read through the service. If an Error message comes up just wait and the link will start.

All the links on this online **service** can be seen on one playlist see: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-v3HHJqZACwOZoNaOdcGOy1hYrHDlvi>

For the Zoom service, see notices at the end of this service sheet

Welcome

Welcome our 36th week of online services.

Hymn 1: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ofp6rdAgRrY>

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

**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

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

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

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AuEyThhCRuU>

**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.
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.
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.
Amen**

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.**

Reading 1 Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24 Read by Clive Bennett

<https://youtu.be/N1sJ8y6NJFc>

God the True Shepherd

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ 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.

²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ 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.

All Thanks be to God.

Song: *You are the King of glory.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtccZ2y-88I>

Reading 2 Ephesians 1.15-23 By Jane Pudney

<https://youtu.be/MPfh4-WHU6o>

Paul's Prayer

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.

Hymn 2 Sing Glory to God the Father

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGZCF6kaOUY>

Gospel Reading Matthew 25.31-46 By Lesley Bennett

<https://youtu.be/6CPntiPIYs>

The Judgement of the Nations

³¹ '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. ³² 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, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ 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; ³⁵ 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, ³⁶ 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." ³⁷ 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? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰ 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, ^[a] you did it to me." ⁴¹ 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; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ 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." ⁴⁴ 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?" ⁴⁵ 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." ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon from USPG



Sermon for Christ the King, USPG, 2020.

We celebrate today, with Christians all around the world, the feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday of the Christian Year; the culmination of all that we have journeyed through in this liturgical year. But as our Gospel reading reminds us, as is so characteristic of the ministry of Jesus, that kingly reign is not one of a remote monarch, but rather it is lived out in service of the stranger, the destitute, the hungry, the sick and the prisoner. Today's feast is a relatively new feast in the life of the Church. Gravely concerned by the growing secularism that threatened to obscure any sense that Christ was king of this world, Pope Pius 11th proclaimed it as a new feast day in 1925. It is the pinnacle, the finale, the triumphant ending of the Christian year – Christ is King of all, before we begin the whole cycle again next Sunday as we return to our Advent preparations once again, and prepare to welcome Jesus as a vulnerable baby in a month's time. Today's feast reminds us that we are given both respect and responsibility in the light of Christ's servant kingship. In baptism, we become members of his family – his royal family. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, we are given intrinsic value; the dignity of our birth as human beings has been enhanced by our membership of Jesus' royal family. We

are fellow heirs of the Kingdom of God, members of the household of faith, but with this dignity comes responsibility— the responsibility that we heard about in today's Gospel reading. The passage from Matthew 25 is not a parable, but an apocalyptic vision of the last judgement, and its purpose is ethical instruction. The scene is an enthronement, the Son of Man (Jesus) being installed as King and Judge. Earlier in this chapter we have heard that this `coming` will be as sudden as lightning; it will be on the clouds of glory and with great power; the day and the hour are unknown; it will be a time of reckoning and woe to the unprepared – remember the unprepared bridesmaids in last week's Gospel: a terrifying picture. But now, in today's Gospel comes the full vision, glorious in appearance, cosmic in scope, and yet personal in that every life must appear before the judgement seat. I think there are three important lessons to be drawn from this story. First, the basis for the final judgement is our response to human need. `For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink` etc. These needs are sadly not unusual – and they can be translated or interpreted into almost every human situation. Secondly, both those on the right and those on the left are surprised to find themselves where they are. Both the self righteous sinner who finds him or herself on the left, those in Matthew's community who were so busy in their regard for precise religiosity that they failed to notice those in need. And more positively, those on the right – those saints whose service to others is so much a part of their natural behaviour that they are 2 surprised and embarrassed at the recital of their good

deeds and amazed that service to those in need is in fact service to Christ. Thirdly, the vision reminds us, that service to another is service to Christ, however insignificant the deed or apparently insignificant the person being helped may appear. It is the right of every member of the human family to have this dignity and respect. This coming season of Advent and Christmas we, through USPG, have the opportunity to respond to this vision in Matthew 25 into a very practical reality, through USPG's Christmas Appeal, 'A Promise of Hope'. A baby born with HIV is unlikely to live to see their fifth birthday. But thanks to a lifesaving programme run by the Anglican Church in Tanzania at Mvumi Hospital, supported by the USPG Christmas appeal this year, all the babies born as part of the programme are born HIV-free. As one community leader told us, 'The programme has given us power and a new hopeful life.' I conclude with a short video from this programme, with powerful testimonies from some of the participants, which gives a radical interpretation of Matthew 25: '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 clothed me, I was sick and you took care of me'. Or as Rehema, a recipient of the programme in Tanzania puts it: 'This programme has given us another chance to enjoy life that we thought had come to an end'. Will you join me, on this feast of Christ the King, the one whose kingdom was of service to others, in responding to this need through the USPG's Promise of Hope? For as we do, so we recall too the words of Jesus 'And the King will answer them,

`Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me`. **Amen.**

USPG link

<https://www.uspg.org.uk/promiseofhope>

Hymn 3 "When I Needed a Neighbour"

by Sydney Carter,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXiHcpsMJxs>

Profession of faith

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

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

Amen



Anthem: Of the Father's Love Begotten

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOF9JLJkPis>

Prayers of Intercession

**Intercessions: for 22nd November 2020 Sunday before
Advent by Michael Pudney**

Christ the King – Stir Up Sunday

Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than the power of wealth and might. As Christ the King may that love ease the anguish of all those who suffer from the threat of the Covid pandemic both in body and mind. Let them know your presence is with them all in their homes and in their hearts. Protect them and those they love, protect their jobs and their communities. Be with all who care for those who suffer, be with the doctors and nurses and all our care workers and those striving to find cures or vaccines, be with our Teachers and all those caring for the young. As we approach the season of Advent we ask this through Jesus Christ the King;

Lord in your Mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for the Church throughout the world, that she may be a voice for those who lack even the basic necessities of life, tirelessly serving them and calling for change. We pray for all those who help guide us in our worship, Arch Bishop Justin, our Bishops Peter and John, Archdeacon Elizabeth, Steven and for all our local clergy. We remember all who work in your name, thinking of

those who work with our Parish Churches, with the Centre, and all our activities in normal times.

Lord in your Mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen –. We thank her for her lifelong commitment of service and for Prince Philip as they celebrate 73 years of marriage. Let us pray for the nations of this world and for their leaders that they too have a commitment and a desire for peace, justice and freedom for all their peoples. that they may not hide behind their power or abuse it, but work for the good of all humanity, particularly the poor throughout the world.

We think especially of those not only suffering this pandemic but also those who are persecuted because of their religious beliefs. We think of all people in those parts of the world suffering violence especially in the Middle East Africa and Afghanistan – let them know that with the love of Christ the King evil will always be overcome. Let those striving for peace know you are with them.

Lord in your Mercy
Hear our Prayer

We pray for our local communities, that we may show our love through our respect for each other and for our environment, and especially at this time gladly sharing what we have with those in need. We pray for all those

running and supporting our Food Banks.
Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours; that we may serve the risen Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. May we too recognise the needs of others in our daily lives. Teach us to recognise the holiness of other people and to live as Jesus taught his disciples caring for those around us more than ourselves.

Lord in your Mercy
Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who are suffer in any way - May the love of Christ the King comfort and heal all those who are unwell; the elderly and infirm, let that love be with all who are on their own and feel lonely and unable to cope at this difficult time.

We pray for
Mike Batt
Irene Johnson
Sarah Maher; showing improvement.
David Garlick
Tony Gibson
Jean Winn
Jean Webber
Andrew Jackson
Beryl Dixon
Cally Thorpe
Josh Pitman
Sue Wilson
Georgia
Andy Smith

and all those others known to us who suffer, and for those you care for them and share that suffering. Bring relief in their distress and the assurance of the blessing of the risen Christ for all who are steadfast in faith.

Lord in your Mercy
Hear our Prayer

At this time, hear us as we remember those who died in the faith of Christ; we pray especially for all those loved by us yet seen no more. May they rejoice with us in the fullness of life eternal.

We include in our prayers all those in our hearts & minds who have recently passed away or whose anniversary is at this time.

According to your promises, grant to the faithful departed a share in the inheritance of the saints...As we offer our humble prayers for them, may their heavenly prayers avail for us as we continue on our earthly pilgrimage. Celebrating in the resurrection of your Son, our Saviour bring us at last to the same blessedness. Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hymn 4 Of the Father's Love Begotten

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt75zI4kz6g>

Revd Steven link;

https://youtu.be/5Pz4w_qSkPo

The Peace

May the peace of the Lord Jesus go with you, wherever
He may take you.

May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you
through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing in the wonders He has
shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our
doors.

The Peace of our Lord be with you

All And also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in
glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**

The 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.**



Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The president and people receive communion.

Prayer after communion

**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.**

Blessing

To a troubled world
peace from Christ.

To a searching world
love from Christ.

To a waiting world
hope from Christ.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the
Holy Spirit.

We go, giving thanks to God

Revd Steven link ends

***Final Hymn* At the name of Jesus**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4d4UXSJXig>

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***Final Music* King of Glory (Ives)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fn0VzGKr8zw>

Stir-up Sunday November 22nd 2020

The Church of England prayer book 'Common Worship', has the Collect for morning or evening prayer used on the last Sunday before Advent that says:

***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.***



For generations of churchgoers, this Collect (prayer) carried two meanings: a spiritual call to do God's work with enthusiasm, and a very practical reminder that it's time to make the Christmas pudding so they can mature over the following month.

Families traditionally gathered together to stir the Christmas pudding mixture from youngest to eldest, and make a wish.

Christmas pudding would traditionally contain 13 ingredients to represent Jesus and his disciples. It is traditionally stirred (while making a wish) by each member of the family from East to West, to remember the Wise Men that visited Jesus at Bethlehem. The holly on top of the pudding represented the crown of thorns.

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Notices

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Christ The King

USPG <https://www.uspg.org.uk/>

USPG – United Society Partners in the Gospel. Founded was in 1701, is an Anglican mission agency that partners churches and communities worldwide in God’s mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice.

If you would like to donate to this charity see the link above.

If you would like a USPG collection box for 2021 please contact Theresa Reed on 01621 776247

Amazon Smile

If you shop Amazon Black Friday Week deals from 20th - 30th November, you can do more than discover great deals: Simply shop at

smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/210341-0

or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to Bradwell-On-Sea Parish Church, Gale Bequest Fund at no extra cost.

Pastoral Care Course

If anyone is interested in joining a course on pastoral care, an online 10 week course via zoom, will begin in January. Please contact Revd Steven if you are interested.

Spiritual Communion – Live via zoom at 10am on Sunday 22nd November

Time: Nov 22, 2020 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81796016839?pwd=SDJOd0Z4VEtVTXdlEaUVzVXhJOWdydz09>

Meeting ID: 817 9601 6839

Passcode: 606546

Bible Study - Ezekiel Chapters 23 and 24 / Time: Monday Nov 23, 2020 07:30 PM London

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79818840290?pwd=azhtVUQvU1JVTVlwVFFqa1Z2bDJwQT09>

Meeting ID: 798 1884 0290

Passcode: Su16mr

Advent Course

I am looking to hold an Advent course on Wednesday evenings in December via zoom on Wednesday 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 7.30pm-9pm. To register, please let Revd Steven know. For more information visit:- [4- Session Course for Advent 2020 or any season Living in Hope written by Catherine Fox](#)

Advent Webinar Series from York Minster Apocalypse Now (and then): Stories from the Great East Window

Spectacular stained glass panels contained within York Minster's Great East Window – the renowned medieval masterpiece created by John Thornton in the 15th century – will be the focus of a new webinar series of Advent Reflections to be hosted by York Minster in November and December.

Four outstanding speakers will each take one panel of the medieval window to explore the traditional Advent themes of Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – known as The Four Last Things - challenging contemporary views of the Advent and Christmas season.

Thursday 26th November at 3pm - Death

Professor John Swinton, Professor in Practical

Theology & Pastoral Care; Chair in Divinity and Religious Studies, University of Aberdeen.

Thursday 3rd December at 7.30pm - Judgement

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell.

Thursday 10th December at 7.30pm - Heaven
Dr Paula Gooder.

Thursday 17th December at 3pm - Hell

The Bishop of Hull, the Right Reverend Alison White.

Access to this webinar series is by free booked ticket via the York Minster website. To book go

to: <https://tickets.yorkminster.org/webstore/shop/view/items.aspx?CG=BESE&C=ANAT>

Recommended Books for Advent

[The Coming of God – Maria Boulding](#)

[Haphazard by starlight – Janet Morley](#)

[Waiting on the Word – Malcolm Guite](#)

[Frequencies of God – Carys Walsh](#)

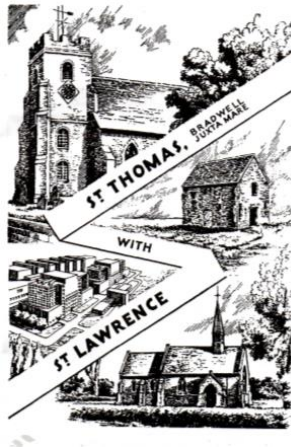
USPG's Prayer on Christ The King

Loving God,

Help us to be our sister's keeper.

To stand for justice and equality, totally opposed to all violence and oppression of women. Amen.

The **Bradwell and St Lawrence November magazine** can be viewed by clicking the link below:



<https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/assets/documents/november-magazine-2>