

*The Benefice of St Mary the Virgin,
Higham Ferrers with St John the Baptist,
Chelveston-cum-Caldecott*



MEETING POINT

Sunday next before Advent
21st November 2021

CHRIST THE KING
Online Worship



Welcome to our Online Worship –

Meeting Point

*As Sunday Services now take place in our churches,
our Online Worship continues in ‘Meeting Point’ –
we are joined together as one worshipping family through
our services at home and in church through the seasons
of the*

Church Year and the themes of the Gospel.

*Sunday Meeting Point helps us deepen our faith as we
explore readings from scripture and experiences from our
day to day lives.*

*Meeting Point today celebrates
Jesus as Christ the King, King of our lives*



Thanks to all who have made today's service possible
including members of the Ministry Team and families with
Ken Broadhurst

The Welcome

Michelle introduces today's service.



Hymn

**1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.***

**2 Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
*Yours the glory...***

**3 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
*Yours the glory...***

**4 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
*Yours the glory...***

Michael Saward (born 1932)

Greeting & Acclamation Michelle & Chris

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!

Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints, in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

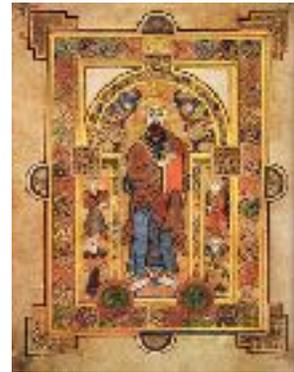
The Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

**the Lord shall give his people
the blessing of peace.**

Your throne is God's throne, for ever;

**the sceptre of your kingdom
is the sceptre of righteousness.**



Collect for Christ the King

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

Bible reading John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Pilate 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?"

Jesus 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."

Pilate 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." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"



Hymn

**1 In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**2 Once in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!**

**And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**3 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

*Stuart Townend (born 1963) and Keith Getty (born 1974)
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KINGS AND KINGDOMS

Interview with KEN BROADHURST

Hymn

**1 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!**

**2 Jesus, the saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains he took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**3 His kingdom cannot fail, he rules both earth and heaven,
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**5 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;
God's trumpet call shall sound, rejoice!**

words: Charles Wesley



Reflection - Michelle

Hymn

**1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall rise and set no more.**

**2 People and realms of every tongue
declare his love in sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**3 Blessings abound where Jesus reigns
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blessed.**

**4 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and princes throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.**

**5 Let all creation rise and bring
distinctive honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again
and earth repeat the loud 'Amen!'**

Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748)

Prayers of Intercession

Let us with confidence present our and supplications
before 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.

We pray for the Church, the sign of your reign,
that it may extend your welcome
to people of every race and background.

We pray for those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure.

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, those who struggle with unjust structure in society, and all places where powers and forces oppress and harm their people.

We pray for those who have died, that they may enter into your kingdom, and we give thanks that we will one day be reunited before your throne.

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.**

United with all those who worship the King around the heavenly throne, we pray:

**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.**

The Peace - Michelle

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

and also with you



Final Prayer – Brenda

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.



Hymn

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**



**Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

Music: DIADEMATA George Elvey (1816-1893)

The Blessing - Michelle

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

Amen.

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
come down upon you and remain with you
now and always.

Amen.



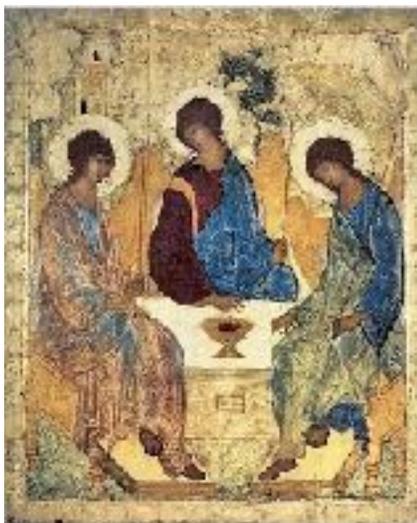
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