# **Sunday 26th November Christ the King Early Communion**: Ephesians 1.15–23 Matthew 25.31–46

### Greeting

Greetings to you in the name of King Jesus and also to you

### Opening Hymn 259 Christ Triumphant

# 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!*

# Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth! Power and majesty concealing by your humble birth:

# Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified! Death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified:

# Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above! Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:

# So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long, ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song:

### Enthroning Jesus

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;  
for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

**John 12.13**  
The crowd in Jerusalem took palm branches and went out to meet Jesus, shouting,  
‘Hosanna!’ ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Blessed is the king of Israel!’

**Matthew 27:37**  
Above Jesus’ head Pilate had placed the written charge against him:  
This is Jesus, the king of the Jews.

**Revelation 19:13,16**  
His name is the Word of God. he is King of King and Lord of Lords

So we declare our hope and our prayer that  
Jesus will reign as King  
Jesus will direct his Church  
Jesus will rule my heart

### TP 117 Our God is a great big God

# Our God is a great big God x3 And he holds us in his hands

# He’s higher than a skyscraper He’s deeper than a submarine He’s wider than the universe And beyond my wildest dreams

# And he knows us and he loves us since before the world began! How wonderful to be a part of God’s amazing plan……

### Bible Reading Matthew 25.31–46

# ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ‘Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” ‘Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?” ‘The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” ‘Then he will say to those on his left, “Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me.” ‘They also will answer, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?” ‘He will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.” ‘Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.’

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

### Collect of the Word

### My Lighthouse

# In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures You won’t walk out Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh You are the peace in my troubled sea

# 2 In the silence, You won’t let go In the questions, Your truth will hold Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh You are the peace in my troubled sea

# *My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (oh oh) I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) x3 Safe to shore*

# 3 I won’t fear what tomorrow brings With each morning I’ll rise and sing My God’s love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh You are my light 4 Fire before us, You’re the brightest You will lead us through the storms *x4*

### Sermon

Offering Hymn 499 When I needed a neighbour were you there?

# When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there? When I needed a neighbour were you there?

*And the creed and the colour and the name won’t matter,* ***were you there?***

# I was hungry and thirsty. . .

# I was cold, I was naked . . .

# When I needed a shelter . . .

# When I needed a healer . . .

# Wherever you travel I’ll be there, I’ll be there, Wherever you travel I’ll be there.

*And the creed and the colour and the name won’t matter,* ***I’ll be there.***

### Prayers: King of the World

Lord Jesus, you are King of the world, yet many people do not worship you or obey you.  
Help the proud nations of the world, their kings and presidents, to kneel before you, as we have done today.  
Show them what it means to be servants of a heavenly King.  
Draw them back from war to find a way to lasting peace.  
Heal the divisions between peoples who have lost their way.  
We ask this in your precious name. Amen.

### King of the Church

Lord Jesus, you are King of the Church, yet many parts of the worldwide do not honour you in their lives.  
Help the church everywhere to hear and obey your word in the bible, and to build the life of the Christian community so that it conforms to your word in the bible. We pray that those inside the churches and outside the churches - who choose to ignore your teaching - will humble themselves before you, and begin to follow the leading of the Spirit. Amen.

### King of our Lives

Lord Jesus, you wish to be King of each of our lives, yet we find it so hard to let you take control.  
Forgive us for our stubbornness.  
Help us turn back to you and make you our true king.  
Lead us in the way that leads to everlasting life  
for the sake of your holy name, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### King of Love

Lord Jesus, you are the King of love, our shepherd, our saviour and master.  
We pray today for all in our community who are struggling  
with illness, both at home and in hospital -  
with distress, because of pressures at work and in our homes, and poor mental health -  
and with worry, because the future seems uncertain to them  
Draw them and us closer to yourself, that we may know that your goodness never fails. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer and The Grace  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

Notices  
**Parishes Bible Study** Tuesday 7:50 in Rectory Colossians 1.21–29 Reconciled  
**Midweek Communion** Wednesday 10:00 am  
**Christmas Wreath Making** Wednesday 11:00 am and Wednesday 7:00 pm  
**Next Sunday Larder/Foodbank Sunday**  
10/12 Parish Communion  
4 pm Lough Moss Community Carols  
6 pm Christmas Tree Lighting at Killaney

### Declaring Jesus as King

## We believe in God the Father of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

## We believe in God the Son, Jesus, Lord and King who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

## We believe in God the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus our King who strengthens us with power from on high.

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

### Closing Hymn TP 150 There is a higher throne

# There is a higher throne than all this world has known, Where faithful ones from ev’ry tongue will one day come. Before the Son we’ll stand, made faultless through the Lamb; Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

# *Hear heaven’s voices sing; their thund’rous anthem rings. Through em’rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, pow’r, strength, thanks, and honour are to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.*

# And there we’ll find our home, our life before the throne. We’ll honour him in perfect song where we belong. He’ll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die. The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we’ll reign with him.

### The Blessing