

Solemnity of Christ the King – 22nd November 2020 – Hymns and Prayers

Entrance:

The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills,
And life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun,
That lights that morning sky.

O brighter than the glorious morn,
Shall this fair morning be,
When Christ our King in beauty comes,
And we His face shall see!

The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light and beauty brings;
'Hail! Christ the Lord!' your people pray,
'Come quickly, King of kings!'

Psalm:

*(R.) Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

God is my shepherd,
so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows
of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **(R.)**

Gently you raise me
and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways
of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing
the music of your name. **(R.)**

Though I should wander
the valley of death,
I fear no evil,
for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff,
my comfort and my hope. **(R.)**

You have set me a banquet of love
In the face of hatred,
Crowing me with love
beyond my power to hold. **(R.)**

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God
forever more. **(R.)**

Hallelujah:

Alleluia, alleluia!
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Prayer of the Faithful:

Priest: Let us present our prayers to God, the shepherd who cares for all the flock:

Reader:

1. We pray for Pope Francis, as he tells us there is no better way to pray, than to place oneself in an attitude of openness. *(Pause) Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***
1. We pray for repentance for the abuse perpetrated within the Church and that the Holy Spirit guide Church leaders as they promote justice and healing for victims and survivors of abuse. *(Pause) Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***
2. We pray for all Christians. May we be kind, like the Good Shepherd. *(Pause) Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***
3. We pray for true leadership in our World; for an end to hatred and war, and that all nations may live in peace and harmony. *(Pause) Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***
4. We pray for the hungry and homeless in our World. May we feed them and look after them. *(Pause) Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***
5. We pray on this Youth Sunday for our young people. May we always encourage, support and inspire them in life and in their difficulties and struggles. *(Pause) Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***

Priest: Loving God, caring shepherd, you look after your people: hear the prayers we make; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory:

Blest are You, Lord God of all creation
Thanks to Your goodness, this bread we offer:

Fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
It will become the bread of life.

(R.) *Blessed be God, blessed be God,
Blessed be God, forever. Amen. (x2)*

Blest are you, Lord God of all creation
Thanks to Your goodness, this wine we offer:
Fruit of the vine, work of our hands,
It will become our cup of joy. **(R.)**

Spiritual Communion – Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever.
Amen.

Communion:

From heaven you came helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled.
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

(R.) *This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear.
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but Yours,' He said. **(R.)**

Come see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered. **(R.)**

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone Him.
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving. **(R.)**

Recessional:

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

(R.) *Angels, saints and nations sing:
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"*

King, whose name creation thrills,
Rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
Till in peace, each nation rings
With Thy praises, King of kings. **(R.)**

King most holy, King of truth,
Guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ thou King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light. **(R.)**

Shepherd-King, o'er mountains steep,
Homeward bring the wandering sheep,
Shelter in one royal fold
States and kingdoms, new and old. **(R.)**