



Church Alive Zoom and at Home Worship Sheet



Christ The King – 22nd November

(For the Zoom service:

Welcome to Zoom Church Alive.

You might like to have the following ready prepared with you for the service:

- *Drink and snack!*
- *Candle and matches/lighter*

We will meet at 11am and start the service at 11.05am. Please use MUTE on your computer at 11.05am for the service, especially wherever we are singing together, except in the sections where marked. If you'd like to say something at other times, please 'raise your hand' (you will find this in the Participants section) or type it in under 'chat' and it will appear on the screen.)

In a dramatic image, a king separates people into two camps on the basis of how they behaved towards vulnerable people: did they act with compassion towards them, or not?

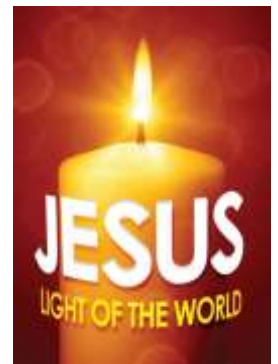
Opening Song: Will You Come And Follow Me

<https://youtu.be/LGuuoEyOymc>

Opening Prayer:

If you are able, and it is safe to do so, you might like to light a candle at this point as well and hold up your candle as we say our prayer together.

All: Lord, we light this candle,
to remind us that you are the light of the world.
As we gather together in spirit,
make our voices ready to sing your praise;
our hearts open to receive your love
and our minds alive to your Spirit.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



We seek God's healing and forgiveness:

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

We are truly sorry that we have seen the broken and have not been moved to compassion:

Father forgive us

We are truly sorry that we have heard people mourning and have not given them our time:

Father forgive us

We are truly sorry that that we have witnessed oppression and have not raised our:

Father forgive us

We are truly sorry that that we have seen the stranger and not said a word:

Father forgive us

God, hiding in all strangers, all around us,
we are truly sorry for what we have done,
and what we have not done.
And we ask you to deepen your welcome in us,
so that we might deepen our welcome around us.
Amen.

We hear words assuring us of God's forgiveness

May almighty God have mercy on *us*, forgive *us our* sins,
and bring *us* to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.



Thanksgiving: Think of a time when you have received help or been welcomed by a stranger.
Offer thanks to God for them treating you so well

Bible Reading Matthew 25.31-46 The Final Judgment – New Living Translation

³¹ “But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’

³⁷ “Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

⁴⁰ “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’

⁴¹ “Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. ⁴² For I was hungry, and you didn’t feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn’t give me a drink. ⁴³ I was a stranger, and you didn’t invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn’t give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’

⁴⁴ “Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?’

⁴⁵ “And he will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.’

⁴⁶ “And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.”

On Zoom - Talk

At Home - please use the separate Resources sheet.

Song: Majesty, Worship His Majesty

<https://youtu.be/fl3MmM-MjhI>

Prayers

(On zoom - We will play a very short piece of music, during which you can add your prayers to the chat and then they will be included in the prayer time).

Today we might particularly pray for:

A greater sense of compassion for the vulnerable, the weak, the outcast, those whom we think are not like us.

All churches as make plans to reach out to people over Advent and Christmas.

Those suffering facing the long term effects of COVID and those still ill in hospitals, and for the staff who face problems in providing care in such difficult circumstances

Leaders making the difficult decisions about restrictions to keep people safe.

Those who are fighting racism and bullying in the home, the workplace and wider society.

The upholding of democracy in the United States election results.

Our friends and families

Those we know who are sick or who need our prayers at this time.

All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

**All: 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.**

Song: How Great Is Our God

<https://youtu.be/NB3do3Coz-o>

Sending Out Prayer and Blessing

O God of kindness, prepare us this week
with more time for interruptions,
and more generosity for kindness,
so that we might see you within and beyond our homes.

And the blessing...

Amen.

The Peace

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen



(On zoom - We share the peace with each other using sign language

Fellowship time – unmute. We will go around the group so that everyone has a chance to let us know how they are and any news they want to share.)