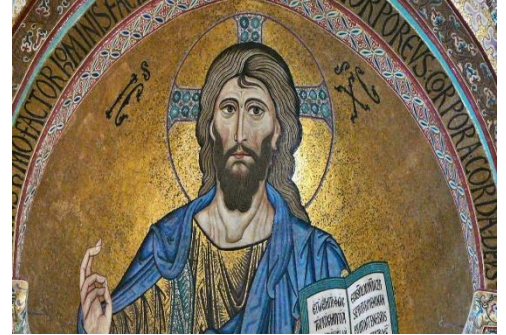


WORSHIP AT HOME
SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER
CHRIST THE KING

If a household are praying together, one person may act as leader and the others as the congregation and they join in the words in bold type. If alone, read all the words aloud. You may want to light a candle before you begin, and have a Bible, cross or crucifix to look at. You might prepare for this act of worship by listening to some music, or by being still



Preparation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

You are the King of Glory, O Christ,
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.
May your kingdom come on earth,
as it is in heaven,
Christ our Lord. Amen

Silence is kept

Lord we pray that we may be found ready at your coming:
May we heed your call and do your will.
Guide your Church that it may show forth your light and love;
Through Christ our Lord

Amen

Prayers of Penitence

since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Words of forgiveness

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,

and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Collect

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.

The Word of the Lord

First reading – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

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

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

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

Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading Matthew 25:31 – 46

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. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 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; 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, 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.” 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” 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, you did it to me.” 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; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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.” 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?” 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.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Affirmation of faith.

With our Christian brothers and sisters, let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God. We say together

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking on the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**



Prayers of intercession

(Here you may wish to offer prayer in your own words, or be prompted by the words here)

Christ, we confess you as King of kings, and Lord of lords; come, rule in our hearts and claim us as part of your kingdom. We seek to dedicate our lives to you and your glory. We pray for all who are working for the bringing in of your kingdom, for those striving for justice, peace and freedom, for all relief agencies and bringers of aid.....we pray for rulers of peoples, for leaders of nations that they may govern with gentleness and integrity. We remember all who suffer from injustice, and we pray for the scorned and rejected of this world, for all who have lost their freedom, all who have been denied their basic rights.....come Lord rule in our hearts, our homes, our lives, transform your people

as we seek to do your will..... we pray for all who are struggling, for all who cannot cope, those needing protection, those longing for salvation, the hungry, thirsty, naked, prisoners, homeless, for friends and loved ones in need, and those who are sick..... Christ, O King, ruler of heaven and earth, in you we triumph over darkness and death, in you we have life eternal. We pray for all loved ones departed from this life, that they may be one with you and your saints in your everlasting kingdom.....And lastly we commit the world, our families and loved ones and ourselves to you Lord.....

The Lord's prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world, 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 Grace

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

This week's readings; -

Monday: Psalm 24:1-6 , Luke 21:1-4: 35-end

Tuesday: Psalm 96, Luke 21: 5-11

Wednesday: Psalm 98, Luke 21: 12-19

Thursday: Psalm 19:1-3,9,Luke 21:20-28

Friday: Psalm 84:1-6, Luke 21:29-33

Saturday: Psalm 95:1-7, Luke 21:34-36

