

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

November 22nd 2020

Reign of Christ Sunday

Prelude: God Be Praised and Blessed, Heinrich Scheidemann

Call to Worship and Approach to God

Our journey's come full circle,
And the time grows old,
**Yet our faith remains news,
alive each morning,
with the promises you bring.**

Come, broken king,
Faithful shepherd, humble servant:
**Come to your world,
Come to your people,
Come to our hearts.**

Come now and meet us here:

Come O Lord our Righteousness!

❖ Hymn 129:

1 The Lord is king! Lift up your voice,
Let earth, and all the heavens, rejoice;
from world to world the joy shall ring:
'The Lord omnipotent is king!'

2 The Lord is king! Who then shall dare
resist his will, distrust his care
or murmur at his wise decrees,
or doubt his royal promises?

3. The Lord is King! Child of the dust,
the judge of all the earth is just:
holy and true are all his ways:
let every creature speak his praise.

4 Come, make your wants, your
burdens known;
Christ will present them at the throne;
for he is at the Father's side,
the Man of Love, the Crucified.

5 One Lord one kingdom all secures:
he reigns, and life and death are yours;
through earth and heaven one song shall ring:
'The Lord omnipotent is king!'

❖ Prayers of approach (ending with the Lord's prayer)

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Word of God

❖ Children's address

❖ **Holy Scripture:** Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ “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. ³² 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, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ 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; ³⁵ 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, ³⁶ 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.’ ³⁷ 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? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ 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.’ ⁴¹ 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; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ 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.’ ⁴⁴ 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?’ ⁴⁵ 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.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

❖ **Music:** “Pie Jesu” from *Requiem*, Gabriel Fauré
Judi Haynes-Smart, soprano

❖ **Sermon**

Followed by pause for reflection

Response to God’s Word

❖ **Hymn 360:**

1 Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets; no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats. Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too. Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you	2. Jesus Christ is raging raging in the streets, where injustice spirals and real hope retreats. Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too: in the kingdom’s causes let me rage with you.	3 Jesus Christ is healing healing in the streets, curing those who suffer, Touching those he greets. Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too: Let my care be active, healing, just like you.
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4 Jesus Christ is dancing,
dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred
he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too:
where good conquers evil
let me dance with you.

5 Jesus Christ is calling,
calling in the streets,
“who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet.”
Listen, Lord Jesus,
let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me;
I will follow you.

❖ Prayers of Intercession

❖ **Music:** "How Joyful Is My Heart" from *Cantata 199*, J.S. Bach
Giles Francis, violin

❖ Prayer of dedication

Yours, Lord, is the sovereignty,
and you are exalted over all as head.
Wealth and honour come from you;
you rule over all.

**Of your own we give you,
for the good of the kingdom
and the glory of your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

❖ Hymn 543:

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!...

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ be our light!....

5, Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light!...

❖ Sending out with blessing (followed by sung Amen)

Postlude: *Toccata*, Flor Peeters

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A very warm WELCOME to all!

Holy Scripture is read this morning by Peggy Krol; prayers of intercession are led by Judi Haynes-Smart.

This week's activities:

- **Sunday, 21.00 hrs:** Short evening prayers, **Compline:** *join at <https://zoom.us/j/91386497205?pwd=YUN5dnRLOWlybHDSV250aHdJcnhiQT09>*
- **Monday, 14.00-16.00 hrs: Knitting** Christmas angels at the church. *Contact gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com*
- **Tuesday, 08.45 hrs: Psalm Reciting** (this week – Psalms 10 -17). Please note this is not currently being held at the church, but you are welcome to recite these psalms from home either at 8.45 on Tuesday morning or some other time.
- **Wednesday, 21.00 hrs: Zoom Bible Study**, Continuing our series on Jesus' parables. *<https://zoom.us/j/92316847530?pwd=TjdObHBvcmlVTRWM4bWprS2QrenBnQT09>*
- **Thursday, 21.00 hrs:** Short evening prayers, **Compline:** *join at <https://zoom.us/j/91386497205?pwd=YUN5dnRLOWlybHDSV250aHdJcnhiQT09>*
- **Prayer:** anyone in special need of prayer for themselves or for someone else, please contact Margaret Richards on margaretanne_richards@hotmail.com

Pastor Lance is planning soon to run again his **'Walk Through the Bible'**, a four session course for those considering Church Membership, baptism, confirmation, or who just want a refresher course in the Christian faith or a better understanding of the Bible. Contact him (see below) if you are interested.

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