

Ezekiel 34.11-17

God called Ezekiel to prophesy against the leaders of Israel, who'd been bad shepherds, feeding themselves rather than their sheep and exercising power instead of caring for the sick or lost. As a result, sheep were scattered, and some eaten by wild animals. God steps in as a good shepherd, keeping the whole flock in view, rescuing the lost and watching over the healthy.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who tells Peter to 'feed his lambs' and 'tend his sheep' (John 21:15-17) and the Holy Spirit enables the apostles to be shepherds of the flock '...which he purchased with his own blood' (Acts 20:28).

The Ordinal reminds bishops that they: 'are called to serve and care for the flock of Christ... to love and pray for those committed to their charge, knowing their people and being known by them.' Priests share in this ministry of shepherding the flock and diaconal ministry picks up God's special concern for the weak and powerless, the sick and the lost. The flock is precious!

Jesus is of course the chief shepherd (Hebrews 13:20) and as today's psalm reminds us: 'The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want' (Psalm 23:1).

O Sing unto the Lord

The Solemnity of Christ the King is a relatively recent addition to the Calendar, having been instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, originally observed on the last Sunday in October and then moved in 1970 to the final Sunday of the Church Year. Pope Pius was keen to emphasise the place of Christ as our ultimate King in response to the growing tide of secularism and nationalism throughout Europe; the wonderful hymn *Hail Redeemer, King divine* expresses these very sentiments. The words are by Patrick Brennan (1877-1952) an Irish priest of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the 'Redemptorists'. The usual tune is *King Divine*, written for these words by Charles Rigby (1901-1962), a Lancastrian. Different hymnals have printed varied verses, and some have sadly omitted the wonderful final refrain: Sing all tongues, let none be dumb / Sacred Heart, thy kingdom come! / To the King of ages then / Honour, glory, love. Amen. As we end the Church Year and look towards the Advent season, we keep these words in our hearts and minds and pray for God's kingdom to come, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Prayers to Remember

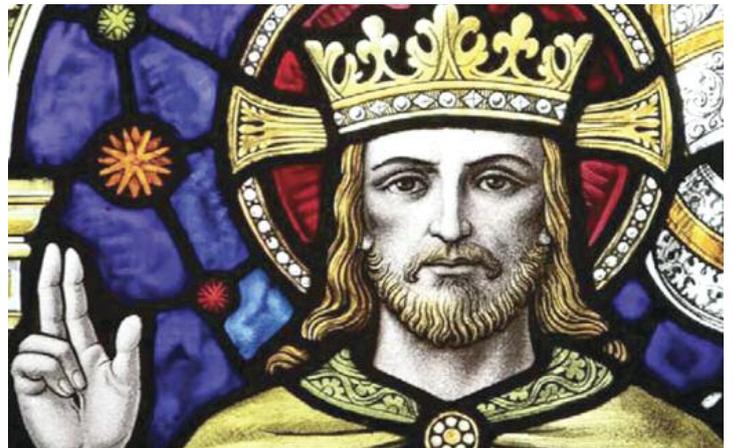
Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Collect for the Sunday next before Advent (*Stir up Sunday*), *Book of Common Prayer (1662)*

22nd November
2020

Christ the King

The Shepherd King



Most of us make resolutions for the calendar New Year, but normally all that happens if we fail is that we continue to be less fit and slender than we'd like!

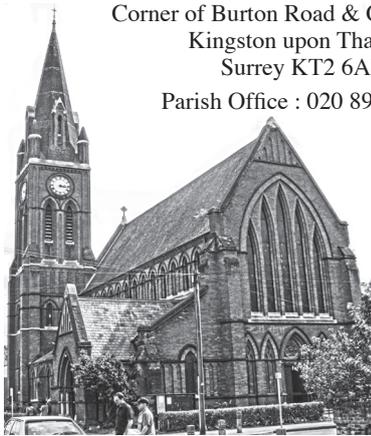
Today's feast marks the end of the liturgical year. Unlike earthly kings in the Bible who often use and abuse their power, Jesus's kingship is focused on both judgment *and* protection, reflected in the link between being a king *and* a shepherd – the judge and the pastor.

The gospel reading makes it clear that we can't shrug our shoulders and say: 'that's just the way things are' because we will be held accountable. Both the sheep and the goats are surprised about where they stand before God. He knows the secrets of our hearts and can judge with greater insight and justice than any human court, but exercised with mercy and love. Christ uses his kingship for protection and care – he is our Good Shepherd who wants to lead his sheep to safety.

As individuals and congregations, we must reflect honestly on how effectively we demonstrate God's love. We'll sometimes fail, but Christ still loves us, and the Holy Spirit will inspire and equip us to do his work.



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We welcome you to St Luke's Kingston, a traditional Forward in Faith parish under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Fulham the Rt Rev'd Jonathan Baker SSC. His website is: <http://www.bishopoffulham.org.uk>.

As a community we are dedicated to making the love of Christ known through excellence in worship and active care and concern for others.

St Luke's Church is kept open most days during the daylight hours for prayer and meditation.

SUNDAY SERVICES

10.30am Mass by Zoom

WEEKDAYS

Fr Martin will offer Mass privately at 9.00am
Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Thursday & Friday

CHRIST THE KING

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ANTIPHON *Revelation 5:12; 1:6*

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

GREETING

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

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

The celebrant introduces the Mass.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The celebrant asks the people to acknowledge their sins.

After a pause for silence:

All: **I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;**

And, striking their breast, they say:

All: Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

HEALING PRAYER

Especially we pray for:-

Alan Ridley, Brenda & Michael Cotton, Maundy & Diane Todd, Alan Sherlock, Peter, Barry, Tom Kelly, Richard T, Annie Truffert, David Laws & Margriet Jonckheere.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Christine Lang, Sandy Wallace

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

TODAY: Harry Tarry, Alan Humblestone, Geoff Bevis

MONDAY: Arthur Garrett, Dorothy Pallet

TUESDAY: Doris Spong

WEDNESDAY: Arthur Tappenden (Priest)

THURSDAY: Louisa Smith, Frances Kitchener, Caoline Watkinson

FRIDAY: Florence Maggs, Joan Rowe, Vera Graham, Bryan Vickery

SATURDAY: Annie Drew

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 22nd November: Feria

Revelation 14:1-3,4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2,3-4ab,5-6; Luke 21:1-4

TUESDAY 23rd November: Feria

Revelation 14:14-19; Ps 96:10,11-12,13; Luke 21:5-11
9.00am Private Mass

WEDNESDAY 24th November: Feria

Revelation 15:1-4; Ps 98:1,2-3ab,7-8,9; Luke 21:12-19
9.00am Private Mass

THURSDAY 25th November: Feria

Revelation 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9a; Ps 100:1b-2,3,4,5;
Luke 21:20-28
9.00am Private Mass

FRIDAY 26th November: Feria

Revelation 120:1-4,11-21:2; Ps 84:3,4,5-6a&8a;
Luke 21:29-33
9.00am Private Mass

SATURDAY 27th November: Feria

Revelation 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2,3-5,6-7ab; Luke 21:34-36

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just.**

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For out of compassion for the waywardness that is ours, he humbled himself and was born of the Virgin; by the passion of the Cross he freed us from unending death, and by rising from the dead he gave us life eternal. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

During this prayer, by the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

After the Lord's Words of Institution:

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again**

THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command,
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say

All: **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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of your mercy
we may always be free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you:
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Then is said:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

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have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Priest: Kyrie eleison.

People: **Kyrie eleison.**

Priest: Christe eleison

People: **Christe eleison**

Priest: Kyrie eleison.

People: **Kyrie eleison.**



COLLECT

Priest: Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

All: **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 (ESV)*

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares 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, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats."

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 22 (23)*

R. The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **R.**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

THE SECOND READING *1 Cor. 15:20-26, 28 (ESV)*

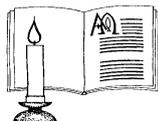
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Mark 11:10*

v. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

v. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 13:44-52 (ESV)*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

"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 foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, 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 no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, 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."

And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY**NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:**

All bow: **and by the power of the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

At the end of each bidding, silence is kept, followed by:
Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end of the prayers:

People: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**INVITATION TO PRAYER**

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good,
and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which
the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts
of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.