

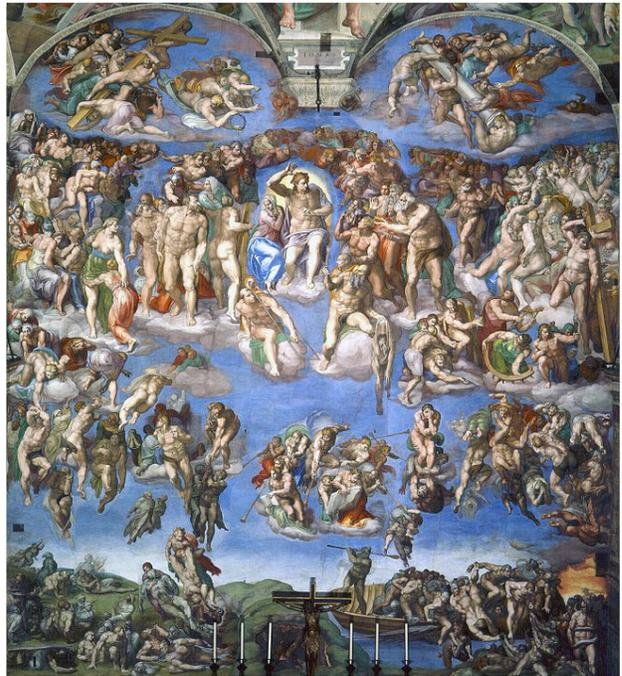
Christ the King

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Welcome

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
'Who is this King of glory?'
**'The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.'**



The Last Judgment, Michelangelo, Sistine Chapel

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
+have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen.**

A reading from the prophet Daniel (7: 9-10, 13-14)

As I watched, thrones were set in place and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousand served him and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 93

R: The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

¹ The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel; the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength.

² He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved.

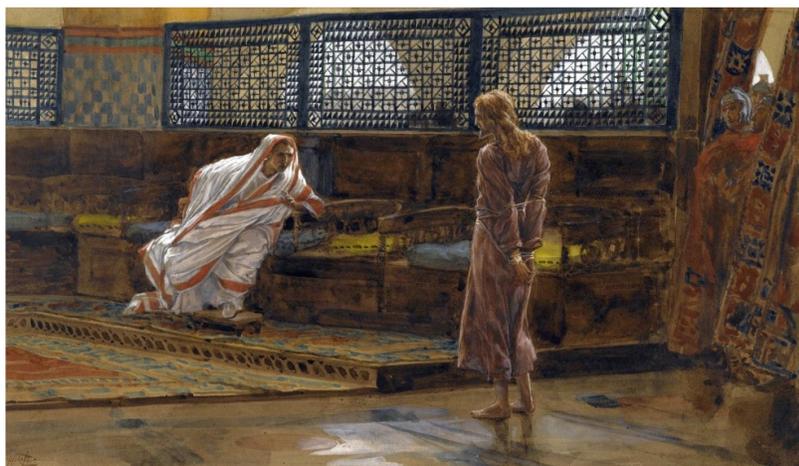
³ Your throne has been established from of old; you are from everlasting. **R**

⁴ The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their pounding waves.

⁵ Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, the Lord on high is mightier.

⁶ Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

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Jesus Before Pilate, First Interview
James Tissot, 1836-1902

Colin will play the music of this hymn whilst we sing with our voices muted

Tune: PICARDY

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
streams before him on the way,
as the Light of light descending
from the realms of endless day
comes, that pow'rs of hell may vanish,
as the shadows pass away.
4. At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (18: 33-37)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,
'Are you the King of the Jews?'

Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?'

Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?'

Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'

Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?'

Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

[Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?']

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

The Apostles' Creed is said together:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
+And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please do stay on Zoom after the service for a chat if you wish.

*Next Sunday will be a hybrid service for **Advent Sunday** at which John Skeaping will be admitted to communion.*