

## WCRKB Words of Hope 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 'Christ the King'

Tim Intro:-

Jesus is our King! At Christmas we will sing 'glory to the new born King ... the King of all the world', whom Magi visiting the baby Jesus worshipped as King, whom even Pilate at Jesus' trial asked Him about. But Jesus is the King of Heaven and earth, who gave Himself in service, and even His life for us. So welcome to our Words of Hope for this last Sunday of the Church's year, as we celebrate Christ the King'

*Cue opening music*

Some words from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians proclaiming the Hope we have because God has made Jesus our King

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Him,

<sup>18.</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance among the saints,

<sup>19.</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power for us who believe, according to the working of His great power.

<sup>20.</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when He raised him from the dead and seated Him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

<sup>21.</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

<sup>22.</sup> And He has put all things under His feet and has made Him the head over all things for the church,

<sup>23.</sup> which is His body

Opening Hymn:-

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same forever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us.  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him;  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) sung by the Benefice Choir*

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Intro to confession:- Jesus says, 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Confession:-

**O Lord our God, enthroned on high, filling the whole earth with Your glory:  
holy, holy, holy is Your Name. Our eyes have seen the King,  
the Lord Almighty; but our lips are unclean.  
We cry to You in our sinfulness to take our guilt away,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Absolution:-

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.

All **Amen.**

We say together the words of the Lord's Prayer:-

**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.**

And the collect for this next Sunday B4 Advent; Christ the King:-

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

Psalm 95.1–7 read by Tim

1. O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
2. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, and be glad in Him with psalms.
3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
4. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the heights of the mountains are His also.
5. The sea is His, for He made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.
6. Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7. For He is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory to the Father and to the Son; and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now; and shall be for ever Amen.

Ezekiel 34.11–16,20–24 read by Geraldine or James?

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

<sup>12.</sup> 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.

<sup>13.</sup> 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.

<sup>14.</sup> 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.

<sup>15.</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.

<sup>16.</sup> 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.

<sup>20.</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

<sup>21.</sup> Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide,

<sup>22.</sup> I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23.</sup> I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

<sup>24</sup>. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Song:

**King of Kings, Majesty, God of heaven, living in me  
Gentle Saviour, closest friend,  
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End  
All within me falls at Your throne  
*Your Majesty, I can but bow  
I lay my all before You now  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve Your Majesty***

**Earth and heaven worship You, Love eternal, Faithful and True  
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls  
Brought this sinner near to Your throne  
All within me cries out in praise  
*Your Majesty...***

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Matthew 25.31–46 read by Geraldine or James?

'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.

<sup>32</sup>. 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,

<sup>33</sup>. and He will put the sheep at His right hand and the goats at the left.

<sup>34</sup>. 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;

<sup>35</sup>. 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,

<sup>36</sup>. 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."

<sup>37</sup>. 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?

<sup>38</sup>. And when was it that we saw You a stranger and welcomed You, or naked and gave You clothing?

<sup>39</sup>. And when was it that we saw You sick or in prison and visited You?"

<sup>40</sup>. 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."

<sup>41</sup>. 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;

<sup>42</sup>. for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink,

<sup>43</sup>. 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."

<sup>44.</sup> 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?"

<sup>45.</sup> 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."

<sup>46.</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Sermon from Tim

Creed

Let us confess our faith in Christ the King:

**We believe in Christ, the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father:  
He became man to set us free, and did not despise the Virgin's womb;  
He overcame death, and opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers;  
He is seated at God's right hand in glory, and will come to be our judge. 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

David leads prayers:-

Final hymn/song:

**Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high;  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail through all eternity.**

*Matthew Bridges*

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Blessing

Christ our King make us faithful and strong to do His will, that we may reign with Him in glory, and the blessing...(Christ the King)