

Twinspires @ Home
10:00 Worship service (Live Stream)
(Christ the King - Sunday before Advent)
22 November 2020

Coming Together

Leader Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
All **and also with you.**

Leader This is the day that the Lord has made.
All **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Welcome & Notices

Song: I am a city on a hill, I am a light in the darkness

I am a city on a hill
I am a light in the darkness
Jesus living in me can change the world. (repeat)

Let my light shine
Let my light shine
Let my light shine. (repeat)

**If God is for me
Who can stand against me.
Let my light shine
Let my light shine
Let my light shine. (repeat)**

**We are a city on a hill
We are a light in the darkness
Jesus living in us can change the world. (repeat)**

**Let your light shine
Let your light shine
Let your light shine. (repeat)**

**If God is for us
Who can stand against us.
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Let your light shine. (repeat)**

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The Confession (KNEEL/SIT)

All **Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned
against you in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
Have mercy upon us; cleanse us from our sins, and
help us to overcome our faults, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Leader **May God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son
to be our Saviour, forgive *us our* sins and make *us* holy
to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All **Amen.**

Short Talk

A prayer for the children.

Song: Will you Come and Follow Me

- 1. Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you, and you in me?**

- 2. Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?**

- 3. Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?**

- 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?**

**5. Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow You
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show;
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.**

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In preparation for our Bible readings, we say together:

All **Almighty God
We thank you for the gift
of your holy Word.
Through your Holy Spirit
Bring your word alive
In our hearts and minds.
And take us and use us to love and serve,
In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Word of God

Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23

¹⁵ I have heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus. I have also heard about your love for all God's people. That is why ¹⁶ I have not stopped thanking God for you. I always remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is the glorious Father. I keep asking him to give you the wisdom and understanding that come from the Holy Spirit. I want you to know God better. ¹⁸ I pray that you may understand more clearly. Then you will know the hope God has chosen you to receive. You will know that what God will give his holy people is rich and glorious. ¹⁹ And you will know God's great power. It can't be compared with anything else. His power works for us who believe. It is the same mighty strength ²⁰ God

showed. He showed this when he raised Christ from the dead. God seated him at his right hand in his heavenly kingdom. ²¹ There Christ sits far above all who rule and have authority. He also sits far above all powers and kings. He is above every name that is appealed to in this world and in the world to come. ²² God placed all things under Christ's rule. He appointed him to be ruler over everything for the church. ²³ The church is Christ's body and is filled by Christ. He fills everything in every way.

Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46

³¹ “The Son of Man will come in all his glory. All the angels will come with him. Then he will sit in glory on his throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate the people into two groups. He will be like a shepherd who separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep to his right and the goats to his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will speak to those on his right. He will say, ‘My Father has blessed you. Come and take what is yours. It is the kingdom prepared for you since the world was created. ³⁵ I was hungry. And you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty. And you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger. And you invited me in. ³⁶ I needed clothes. And you gave them to me. I was sick. And you took care of me. I was in prison. And you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the people who have done what is right will answer him. ‘Lord,’ they will ask, ‘when did we see you hungry and feed you? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in? When did we see you needing clothes and give them to you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘What I’m about to tell you is true. Anything you did for one of the least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘You are cursed! Go away from me into the fire that burns forever. It has been prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² I was hungry. But you gave me nothing to eat. I was thirsty. But you gave me nothing to drink. ⁴³ I was a stranger. But you did not invite me in. I needed clothes. But you did not give me any. I was sick and in prison. But you did not take care of me.’

⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty and not help you? When did we see you as a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison and not help you?’

⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘What I’m about to tell you is true. Anything you didn’t do for one of the least important of these, you didn’t do for me.’

⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to be punished forever. But those who have done what is right will receive eternal life.”

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Song: King of Kings, Majesty (S309)

**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 heav'n 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.**

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Creed

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is formed.**

**We believe in God the Son; Christ the King,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with His love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers:

These responses may be used:

All **Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

All **Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

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.

As our Saviour has taught us, we say together:

The Lord's Prayer:

All **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.**

Song: Lord, you have my heart

**Lord, you have my heart,
and I will search for yours;
Jesus, take my life and lead me on.
Lord, you have my heart,
and I will search for yours;
let me be to you a sacrifice.**

**And I will praise you, Lord
(I will praise you, Lord).
And I will sing of love come down
(I will sing of love come down).
And as you show your face
(show your face),
we'll see your glory here.**

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Concluding Prayer:

You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor,
sight to the blind,
freedom to the captives
and salvation to your people;
anoint us with your Spirit;
rouse us to work in His name.
Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor
and freedom to the oppressed.
Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to tell the world
the good news of your healing love.
Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to those who mourn,
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.
Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time is here
for you to save your people.
Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

God of mercy,
**You know us and love us
and hear our prayer:
keep us in the eternal fellowship of
Jesus Christ our Saviour and King.
Amen.**

The Blessing

And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us all, now and always.
Amen.

Leader Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Coffee/chat via zoom in ten minutes time – do join us if you can.

Giving

A big thank you to those who are already giving regularly. We are very grateful. Although our income is much reduced at this time, we still have most of our outgoings.

To those who aren't using one of our regular giving schemes, may we encourage you to consider one of these options if your financial circumstances permit. We would highlight the Parish Giving Scheme, as in addition to its website (www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk), the scheme has been made even easier to join via a telephone service designed to enable prospective donors to set up a regular direct debit gift over the phone. Those 'who don't do online banking' are finding this a straightforward way

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