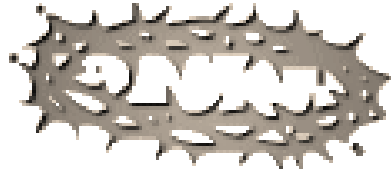


A Service of the Word for 15th November



Welcome and Opening Responses

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.
You have given us a share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Open our eyes to behold your glory
and free our tongues to join their song:

**Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God almighty;
just and true are your ways, King of the ages.
To you be praise and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

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.

Mark 1.14

**O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name, Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 90.1-8, 11,12

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge ◆
from one generation to another.
- 2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and
the world were formed, ◆ from everlasting to everlasting
you are God.**
- 3 You turn us back to dust and say: ◆
'Turn back, O children of earth.'
- 4 **For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, ◆
which passes like a watch in the night.**
- 5 You sweep them away like a dream; ◆
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 **In the morning it is green and flourishes; ◆
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; ◆
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
- 8 **You have set our misdeeds before you ◆
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

11 Who regards the power of your wrath ◆
and your indignation like those who fear you?

12 **So teach us to number our days ◆
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

Reading Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven. **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

cf Philippians 2.6-11

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

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

And at the end

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

The Lord's Prayer

In confidence let us pray for the coming of the kingdom among 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.

Final Prayer and Blessing

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.

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

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