

21st November 2021 – Christ the King/The Sunday Next Before Advent

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

Psalm 93

The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be
moved;
your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the LORD!

Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, for evermore.

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.

Revelation 1.4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who
was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits
who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the
faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the
ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his
blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving
his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for
ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will
wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the
Almighty.

John 18.33-37

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.’