

A Service of the Word for the feast of Christ the King  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020  
The Parish of Newport and Carisbrooke with Gatcombe

**Preparation**

*Greeting*

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognise his presence with us

*(silence)*

As God's people we have gathered:

**Let us worship Him together**

Faithful one, whose word is life:

Come with saving power

To free our praise,

Inspire our prayer

And shape our lives

For the kingdom of your son,

Jesus Christ our Lord

**Amen**

*Introit hymn*

'Rejoice, the Lord is King'

*Invitation to confession*

We come to God as one whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace

*We pause to allow ourselves to bring to mind those areas and occasions that we need to seek God's forgiveness for.*

*Confession*

God our Father,

We come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,

And ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us:

**Save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,

Without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:  
**Save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,  
And think and say;  
Father, forgive us;  
**Save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
By temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us;  
**Save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
To belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us;  
**Save us and help us.**

*Declaration of forgiveness*

The Almighty and merciful Lord  
Grant us pardon and forgiveness from all our sins,  
Time for amendment of life,  
And the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit  
**Amen**

*Venite*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
**Let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
**And be glad in him with psalms**

For the Lord is a great God  
**And a great king above all gods.**

In his hands are the depths of the earth  
**And the heights of the mountains are his also**

The sea is his, for he made it,  
**And his hands have moulded the dry land.**

Come, let us worship and bow down  
**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

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.**

*Collect*

*The special prayer of the week is said and all respond*

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**

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Old Testament reading*

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

*At the end of this reading,*  
This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Gospel reading*

Matthew 25:31- end

*At the end of this reading,*  
This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Sermon*

Sermon by Steve Brett-Hill

*Hymn*

'King of Kings, Majesty'

## Prayers

### *The Creed*

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy  
Is the Lord God almighty,  
Who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,  
Who created all things:  
**For by his will they were created  
And have their being**

We believe in God the Son,  
Who was slain;  
**For with his blood,  
He purchased us for God,  
From every tribe and language,  
From every people and nation**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
**The spirit and the Bride say 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen**

### *Prayers of intercession*

To the bidding:  
Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

**Conclusion**

*The Dismissal*

**God of power,**

**May the boldness of your Spirit transform us,**

**May the gentleness of your spirit lead us,**

**May the gifts of your spirit equip us to serve and worship you**

**Now and always**

**Amen**

And may God give us/you and to all those we/you love

His comfort and his peace, his light and his joy;

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among us/you  
and remain with us/you always

**Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ**

**Amen**