

**Christ Church, Colchester**  
**9.30am Morning Worship for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent, 6**  
**November 2022**

***Greeting and Welcome***

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. *2 Thessalonians 2:13,14*

This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us be glad and rejoice in it!**

***Flames Sunday School:*** We pray for the children and leaders who go to Flames

***Song:*** As the deer pants for the water

***We say sorry to God and to one another:***

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil distortions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for all his children.

*We keep a short time of silence*

**Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins, and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where death has no dominion.  
**Amen.**

*Hymn:* Dear Lord and Father of mankind

***Collect for Today***

**Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

***New Testament Reading***

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 and 13-end

This is the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

***Songs:*** Above all powers; King of Kings, Majesty

## ***Gospel Reading***

Luke 20:27-38

This is the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

## ***Talk***

***Song:*** The Lord is my salvation

***Prayers***      *concluding with 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, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And 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.**

***Shoebox Project – Collection and offering of gifts to be sent to those in need***

We pray for God's blessing over the gifts that have been offered:

**Almighty God, good Father to us all, we pray for those who will receive these boxes; for those who will transport them, deliver them, open them, and share them. Bless the offerings that we have made with the abundance of your grace, so that your love and compassion may be received and shared by us, and by all whose lives are touched by this project. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## ***Notices***

***Closing Hymn:*** In Christ Alone

### ***Blessing and Dismissal:***

**God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen**

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

And the blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, this day and for ever. **Amen.**