

Christ Church Café Worship 20th November 2022
Christ the King

Welcome and call to worship

We come today to acknowledge Christ as King. He is the image of the invisible God; in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

Beauty and holiness are the marks of his kingdom. He is the face of God revealed in human form. Let us keep our eyes fixed on him: King Jesus – the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Song: Welcome, King of Kings

We say sorry to God

O Lord our mighty God, we have heard but not always listened to you: with sorrow and sadness, we confess our sin.

We have seen need and closed our eyes to it: with sorrow and sadness, we confess our sin. **Lord forgive us.**

We have closed our ears to cries for help: with sorrow and sadness, we confess our sin. **Lord forgive us.**

We have known your truth and yet followed lies and falsehoods: with sorrow and sadness, we confess our sin. **Lord forgive us.**

Holy Spirit, the truth is like a mirror, and we don't like what we see looking back; we see our failures and mistakes. We are sorry that we have let you down, but we give thanks for the truth that when we ask, you forgive us. Amen

Praise Songs: Praise is rising; Jesus put this song into our hearts

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.

Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

At the end: This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

Reflection and Table Talk

1. Who do we follow or look to (as in verses 13 and 14)?
2. "He [Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God". What do you see in Jesus that shows you something of God and God's love?
3. How and where do we look for Christ and recognise him, day by day?

Song: You laid aside your majesty

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 it is 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.

Notices

Closing hymn: Crown him with many crowns

Closing prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Let us bless the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**