

# Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

## Christ The King Sunday

### Special Prayer for the day

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended  
to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things  
as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of  
the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created  
order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

### First Reading

**Psalm 95:1–7**

[1] Oh come, let us sing to  
the LORD; let us make a joyful  
noise to the rock of our salvation!

[2] Let us come into his  
presence with thanksgiving; let us  
make a joyful noise to him with  
songs of praise!

[3] For the LORD is a great  
God, and a great King above all  
gods.

[4] In his hand are the  
depths of the earth; the heights of  
the mountains are his also.

[5] The sea is his, for he  
made it, and his hands formed the  
dry land.

[6] Oh come, let us worship  
and bow down; let us kneel before  
the LORD, our Maker!

[7] For he is our God, and  
we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand. (ESV)

### Second Reading

**Ephesians 1:15–23**

[15] For this reason, because I have  
heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus  
and your love toward all the saints,  
[16] I do not cease to give thanks  
for you, remembering you in my  
prayers, [17] that the God of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of  
glory, may give you the Spirit of

wisdom and of revelation in the  
knowledge of him, [18] having the  
eyes of your hearts enlightened, that  
you may know what is the hope to  
which he has called you, what are  
the riches of his glorious inheritance  
in the saints, [19] and what is the  
immeasurable greatness of his  
power toward us who believe,  
according to the working of his  
great might [20] that he worked in  
Christ when he raised him from the  
dead and seated him at his right  
hand in the heavenly places, [21] far  
above all rule and authority and  
power and dominion, and above  
every name that is named, not only  
in this age but also in the one to  
come. [22] And he put all things  
under his feet and gave him as head  
over all things to the church, [23]  
which is his body, the fullness of  
him who fills all in all. (ESV)

### Gospel Reading

**Matthew 25:31–46**

[31] “When the Son of Man comes  
in his glory, and all the angels with  
him, then he will sit on his glorious  
throne. [32] Before him will be  
gathered all the nations, and he will  
separate people one from another as  
a shepherd separates the sheep from  
the goats. [33] And he will place the  
sheep on his right, but the goats on  
the left. [34] Then the King will say  
to those on his right, ‘Come, you  
who are blessed by my Father,  
inherit the kingdom prepared for  
you from the foundation of the  
world. [35] For I was hungry and  
you gave me food, I was thirsty and  
you gave me drink, I was a stranger  
and you welcomed me, [36] I was  
naked and you clothed me, I was  
sick and you visited me, I was in  
prison and you came to me.’ [37]  
Then the righteous will answer him,  
saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you  
hungry and feed you, or thirsty and  
give you drink? [38] And when did  
we see you a stranger and welcome  
you, or naked and clothe you? [39]  
And when did we see you sick or in  
prison and visit you?’ [40] And the  
King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say  
to you, as you did it to one of the  
least of these my brothers, you did  
it to me.’

[41] “Then he will say to those on  
his left, ‘Depart from me, you  
cursed, into the eternal fire prepared  
for the devil and his angels. [42]  
For I was hungry and you gave me  
no food, I was thirsty and you gave  
me no drink, [43] I was a stranger  
and you did not welcome me, naked  
and you did not clothe me, sick and  
in prison and you did not visit me.’  
[44] Then they also will answer,  
saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you  
hungry or thirsty or a stranger or  
naked or sick or in prison, and did  
not minister to you?’ [45] Then he  
will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I  
say to you, as you did not do it to  
one of the least of these, you did not  
do it to me.’ [46] And these will go  
away into eternal punishment, but  
the righteous into eternal life.”  
(ESV)

### Final 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.**

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