

Saturday 21 November 2020



First Vespers Christ the King

O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love,
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Psalm 112 (113)

Praise of the Lord's name

“He put down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly” (Lk 1:52).

He will be called the ‘Peacemaker’, and his throne will stand firm for ever.

Práise, O sérvants of the Lórd, *
práise the náme of the Lórd!
May the náme of the Lórd be bléssed *
both nów and for évermóre!
From the rísing of the sún to its sétting *
práised be the náme of the Lórd!
Hígh above all nátions is the Lórd, *
abóve the héavens his glóry.
Whó is like the Lórd, our Gód, *
who has rísen on hígh to his thróne
yet stóops from the héights to look dówn, *
to look dówn upon héaven and éarth?
From the dúst he lífts up the lówly, *
from the dúngheap he ráises the póor
to sét him in the cómpany of prínces, *
yés, with the prínces of his péople.
To the chíldless wífe he gíves a hóme *
and gláddens her héart with chíldren.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,

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is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

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will stand firm for ever.*

**Psalm 116 (117)
Praise of the merciful Lord**

“I ask the nations to give praise to God for his mercy”
(Rom 15:8,9).

*His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; all kings
will serve him and obey him.*

O práise the Lórd, all you nátions, *
accláim him all you péoples!

Stróng is his lóve for ús; *
he is fáithful for éver.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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Amen.

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Canticle

Apocalypse 4,5

The song of the redeemed

*Christ has received the authority and glory of a
king; every people, tribe and nation will
serve him for ever.*

Worthy are you, our Lord and God, *
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things, *
and by your will they existed and were created.

Worthy are you, O Lord, *
to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain, †
and by your blood you ransomed men for God *
from every tribe and tongue and people and
nation.

You have made us a kingdom and priests to our
God, *

and we shall reign on earth.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain *
to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and might *
and honour and glory and blessing.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

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Short Reading

(Ephesians 1:20-23)

God raised Christ from the dead and made him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Short Responsory

Yours are majesty and power; yours, Lord, is the
sovereignty.
– *Yours are majesty and power; yours, Lord, is the
sovereignty.*
You are ruler of all.
– *Yours are majesty and power; yours, Lord, is the
sovereignty.*
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit.
– *Yours are majesty and power; yours, Lord, is the
sovereignty.*

Canticle

Magnificat

My soul rejoices in the Lord

The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his ancestor; he will reign in the House of Jacob for ever and his kingdom will know no end, alleluia.

My soul glórifies the Lórd, *
my spirit rejóices in Gód, my Sáviour.
He looks on his sérvant in her lówliness; *
henceforth all áges will cáll me bléssed.

The Almíghty works márvels for me. *
Hóly his náme!

His mércy is from age to áge, *
on thóse who féar him.

He púts forth his árm in stréngth *
and scátters the proud-héarted.

He casts the míghty from their thrónes *
and ráises the lówly.

He fills the stárving with good thínghs, *
sends the rích away émpy.

He protects Ísrael, his sérvant, *
remémbering his mércy,
the mercy prómised to our fáthers, *
to Ábraham and his sóns for éver.

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and to the Holy Spirit,
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Amen.

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Prayers and intercessions

To Christ our King, who is first in all things and in whom all things exist, let us confidently pray:

– *Lord, may your kingdom come.*

Lord Jesus Christ, our king and our shepherd, gather your flock from every corner of the earth:
set it to graze in your fresh and fertile pastures.

– *Lord, may your kingdom come.*

Jesus, our leader and Saviour, make all people your own; heal the sick, seek out the lost, preserve the strong:

bring back the strayed, reunite those who are scattered and give new hope to the downhearted.

– *Lord, may your kingdom come.*

Jesus, eternal judge, when you hand over your kingdom to your Father, seat us at your right hand;

and let us take possession of the kingdom prepared for us since the foundation of the world.

– *Lord, may your kingdom come.*

Jesus, prince of peace, destroy the weapons of war: speak words of peace to your people.

– *Lord, may your kingdom come.*

Jesus, heir of all nations, bring all mankind into the kingdom of your Church, which was entrusted to you by the Father:

so that all may acknowledge you as the Head in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

– *Lord, may your kingdom come.*

Jesus, firstborn of the dead and first-fruits of those who sleep,

bring all who have died to the glory of your resurrection.

– *Lord, may your kingdom come.*

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.

Almighty, ever-living God,

it is your will to unite the entire universe under your beloved Son,

Jesus Christ, the King of heaven and earth.

Grant freedom to the whole of creation,

and let it praise and serve your majesty for ever.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Followed by The Joyful Mysteries of the Holy
Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Annunciation of The Lord

The Visitation of Our Lady

The Nativity of The Lord

The Presentation of The Lord

The Finding of the Child Jesus

Prayers of the Fraternity of OLW & S Bede

O Mary, recall the solemn moment when Jesus, your divine son, dying on the cross, confided us to your maternal care. You are our mother, we desire ever to remain your devout children. let us therefore feel the effects of your powerful intercession with Jesus Christ. make your name again glorious in the shrine once renowned throughout England by your visits, favours, and many miracles.

Pray, O holy mother of God, for the conversion of England, restoration of the sick, consolation for the afflicted, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed.

O blessed Mary, mother of God, our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us.

Amen.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, we fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother; to you do we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us.
Amen.

Most Holy Virgin, I prostrate myself in spirit before your Shrine at Walsingham, that Sanctuary favoured by your visits, favours and many miracles. I unite myself with all those who have ever sought you, and do now seek you in that holy place, and

join my prayers with theirs. But especially I unite my intentions with the intentions of the priests who offer the holy sacrifice upon your altar there. I offer you my love and devotion, asking you to remember for all eternity that I am numbered among the pilgrims who have sought your intercession in the Sanctuary of your choice. I renew the promises and intentions I made, when it was my privilege to salute you, at your Shrine in the Vale of Stiffkey. Dear Mother, Our Lady of Walsingham, remember me. Amen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry,
Poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us;
And after this our exile,
Show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, o Holy Mother of God

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Almighty, everlasting God, who by the co-operation of the Holy Spirit didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin-Mother Mary to become a dwelling-place meet for thy Son: grant that as we rejoice in her commemoration; so by her fervent intercession we may be delivered from present evils and from everlasting death. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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