

QUEENSFERRY PARISH CHURCH

MIDWEEK SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2021

Week 4 – Christ the King – the end of the Christian Year

Leader: Come, let us bow down and worship God.
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
He is our God, we are the people he
cares for, the flock for which he provides.

Opening responses

Praise the Lord, all the earth!

PRAISE THE KING OF ALL THE WORLD!

Praise the Lord, all you peoples!

PRAISE THE KING OF ALL THE NATIONS!

Praise the Lord, great and mighty!

PRAISE THE KING WHO BUILDS US UP!

Praise the Lord, kind and gentle!

PRAISE THE LORD WHO MEETS OUR NEEDS!

Read: Psalm 93

Prayer

Loving God, we worship you and praise your holy name
FOR YOU ARE OUR GOD AND OUR KING

Lord Jesus Christ, we worship you and praise your holy name

FOR YOU ARE OUR GOD AND OUR KING

Joyous Spirit we worship you and we praise your holy name

FOR YOU ARE OUR GOD AND OUR KING

We kneel before Jesus our King in sorrow and repentance as we bring our prayer of confession, saying:
In your mercy

FORGIVE US AND HELP US

We are sorry that too often we do what we want rather than obeying your will.

In your mercy

FORGIVE US AND HELP US

We are sorry for listening to the many voices we hear in the world instead of listening to your voice.

In your mercy

FORGIVE US AND HELP US

We are sorry that we think too much about material possessions instead of worshipping you.

In your mercy

FORGIVE US AND HELP US

We are sorry for putting self on the throne instead of bowing before you, the King of Kings.

In your mercy

FORGIVE US AND HELP US.

And now hear us as we pray in Jesus' words, saying:

OUR FATHER

Read: Matthew 25 verses 31 - 46

Reflection

This should take the form of an introduction from the leader of 5 – 7 minutes **maximum**, and designed to stimulate discussion on the subject.

This part of the service might involve music or something visual; it might involve silence.

This could be a reflection on the end of the Christian year, on the nature of kingship as seen in Jesus, or perhaps on how you feel when you read the Gospel passage from Matthew

Prayer

This a time for prayers for the world, for the communities in which we live; for the Church; for those known to us to be in particular need of our prayers; for ourselves.

CLOSING RESPONSES

And the Spirit of God shall be with him

AND UPON HIS PEOPLE.

AND THEY SHALL KNOW THAT GOD HAS MADE HIS HOME WITH THEM.

AND HE SHALL BE THEIR KING AND THEIR GOD AND THEY SHALL BE HIS PEOPLE:

BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE, MADE RADIANT IN HIS LIGHT AND AT PEACE IN BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT.

**A PEOPLE MADE WHOLE BY THE RETURN OF THEIR
KING.
AMEN.**

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