Evening Prayer
Sunday, 22nd November 2026
Christ the King

O God, make speed to save us.
All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Your faithful servants bless you.
All **They make known the glory of your kingdom.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
Now, as darkness is falling,
wash away our transgressions,
cleanse us by your refining fire
and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.
By the light of Christ,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
and make us ready to enter your kingdom,
where songs of praise for ever sound.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

Psalm 93

1 The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel; ♦
the Lord has put on his glory
and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure ♦
that it cannot be moved.

3 Your throne has been established from of old; ♦
you are from everlasting.

4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice; ♦
the floods lift up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the thunder of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, ♦
the Lord on high is mightier.

6 Your testimonies are very sure; ♦
holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 23.1-7

Now these are the last words of David:
The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
  the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
  the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,
  his word is upon my tongue.
The God of Israel has spoken,
  the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.
Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Second Reading: Matthew 28.16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

A short reflection follows

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.
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and afterwards receive me with glory.
For I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.
And afterwards receive me with glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

from Psalm 73

The Magnificat

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
2 *From this day all generations will call me blessed;*
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.
3 He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
4 *He has shown strength with his arm*
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
6 *He has filled the hungry with good things*
and sent the rich away empty.
7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
8 *The promise made to our ancestors,*
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Prayers

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

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.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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