



**St. Matthew's Parish - Irishtown**  
**Kingship of Christ Sunday– 21 November 2021.**

**FAMILY WORSHIP**

**THE GREETING**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
 and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.' Revelation 1 v 8*

*HYMN 134 - Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour arrives*

We have come together in the name of Christ  
 to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
 to hear and receive God's holy word,  
 to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
 and to pray for the needs of the world,  
 that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 we may give ourselves to the service of God.

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**  
 Let us worship the Lord.  
**All praise to his name**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Creator of all,  
 to you be praise and glory for ever.  
 You founded the earth in the beginning  
 and the heavens are the work of your hands.  
 In the fulness of time, you made us in your image,  
 and in these last days you have spoken to us  
 in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
 As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us  
 let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,

your Spirit ever renew our lives  
 and your praises ever be on our lips.  
 Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

### PENITENCE

As we recall our disobedience of God's commandments and our failure to do his will, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

O God, our loving Father in heaven, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have broken your commandments, we have often been selfish and we have not loved you or others as we should. For these and all our sins, forgive us we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### ABSOLUTION

May the Father of all mercies  
 cleanse you from your sins,  
 and restore you in his image  
 to the praise and glory of his name,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### In preparation for Receiving the Word

Your word is a lantern to my feet  
**and a light upon our path.** Psalm 119 v105  
 Let us then receive the word of the Lord:  
**so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.**

### Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10 & 13-14

*HYMN 231- My song is love unknown*

The Gospel Reading: John 18: 33-37

### THE ADDRESS

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ who redeemed us?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the church

**This is our faith**

**We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit .**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Almighty and everliving God,  
we ask you to hear the prayers we offer in faith.....

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things  
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King:  
grant that the people of earth,  
now divided and enslaved by sin,  
may be freed and brought together  
under his gentle and loving rule;  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**A THANK OFFERING to GOD**

**O God, whose love we cannot measure,  
or whose blessings we cannot number.  
We bless and praise you for all your goodness,  
who in our weakness are our strength,  
who in our darkness are our light,  
who in our sorrows are our comfort and peace,  
and who from everlasting to everlasting are our God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, world without end.  
We thank you. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven.....**

*HYMN 373 - To God be the glory great things he has done*

*Going out as God's People*

**A THANKSGIVING**

Let us give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

For the love of our Father, the maker of all, the giver of all good things,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lived and worked among us,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For his suffering and death on the cross and his resurrection to new life,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For his rule over all things and his presence in the world  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who teaches us and guides us, let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the Church and the life of the world,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

**We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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