

WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN

Poem for the Feast of Christ the King, by Malcolm Guite

Our King is calling from the hungry furrows
Whilst we are cruising through the aisles of plenty,
Our hoardings screen us from the man of sorrows,
Our soundtracks drown his murmur: 'I am thirsty'.
He stands in line to sign in as a stranger
And seek a welcome from the world he made,
We see him only as a threat, a danger,
He asks for clothes, we strip-search him instead.
And if he should fall sick then we take care
That he does not infect our private health,
We lock him in the prisons of our fear
Lest he unlock the prison of our wealth.
But still on Sunday we shall stand and sing
The praises of our hidden Lord and King.

Malcolm writes:

"We come now to a feast of Ends and Beginnings! This Sunday is the last Sunday in the cycle of the Christian year, which ends with the feast of Christ the King, and next Sunday we begin our journey through time to eternity once more, with the first Sunday of Advent. We might expect the Feast of Christ the King to end the year with climactic images of Christ enthroned in Glory, seated high above all rule and authority, one before whom every knee shall bow, and of course those are powerful and important images, images of our humanity brought by him to the throne of the Heavens. But alongside such images we must also set the passage in Matthew (25. 31-46) in which Christ reveals that even as He is enthroned in Glory, the King who comes to judge at the end of the ages, he is also the hidden King, hidden beneath the rags and even in the flesh of his poor here on earth."

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CHRIST THE KING 21 NOVEMBER 2020

Today's Hymns - New English Hymnal: 433, 394, 377, 134

Introductory Sentence

Worthy is the lamb to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing

The Collect

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: Daniel 7:9-10 & 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

A reading from the Revelation to St John

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,

the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Gospel: John 18:33-37

Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Alleluia

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Post Communion Sentence

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever

Post Communion 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**

STREAMED SERVICES

All of the advertised services are now open to a congregation and we have discontinued streaming the Tuesday and Thursday Masses. We will assess the need for streaming the Sunday Mass and will reintroduce reading and intercession rotas for these Sunday services.

Here is the information for the Sunday Zoom stream:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85327692664?pwd=MjNBd3BBbWRTdDJQT2xrQnFQRzdwdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 2769 2664 Passcode: 850665

THIS WEEK

Sunday 21st November (CHRIST THE KING)

9.15am Morning Prayer

10am Parish Mass

Monday 22nd (St Cecilia)

9am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 23rd (St Clement)

9am Morning Prayer

7pm Said Mass

Wednesday 24th (St Andrew Dung-Lac)

9am Morning Prayer

Thursday 25th (St Catherine of Alexandria)

9am Morning Prayer

1pm Said Mass

7pm Concert - Arun Ghosh: Canticle of the Sun

Friday 26th (St Peter of Alexandria)

Saturday 27th (St Gregory of Sinai)

9.15am Morning Prayer

9.30-10.30am Office Hour in church, for booking of Baptisms, etc

7pm Concert - Grand Union Orchestra All Stars & Inner Vision Orchestra

Sunday 28th (1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

9.15am Morning Prayer

10am Parish Mass

Thursday 25 November – Arun Ghosh: Canticle of the Sun. The congregation are invited to this closed free concert, but must register in advance through Fr Alan.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 4 December, 7.30pm – Transcendence Orchestra

Saturday 11 December, 12-2pm – Daylight Music: Lost Christmas

Staturday 19 December, 7pm – Grand Union Orchestra: Raise the Banner