

# QUEENSFERRY PARISH CHURCH

## MIDWEEK SERVICES

### NOVEMBER

#### Week 3 – 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 and in particular the situation in which we find ourselves as a result of coronavirus; 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.**