

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MILFORD ON SEA
MORNING WORSHIP 22nd November 2020
led by
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Jesus our Friend

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome and Introduction

Hymn 1 **Crown him with many Crowns** (Matthew Bridges / Chet Valley Churches)

Confession

(Please join in the words in bold type)

Loving Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours.

Lord, forgive us and help us

Too often we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to you.

Lord, forgive us and help us

Too often we have been slow to admit to being a follower of Jesus.

Lord, forgive us and help us

Too often we have not been ready to love others as you love them.

Lord, forgive us and help us

Too often we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength.

Lord, forgive us and help us

We have failed see your glory as our primary aim in life.

Lord, forgive us and help us

For these things Father we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength to be more like Jesus our master and our friend.

Prayer of Assurance (From Psalm 103.8,10-12)

The Lord is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his loving kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. **Thanks be to God**

The Collect for the Sunday before Advent (Christ the King)

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

Hymn 2 **May the mind of Christ my Saviour** (Kate Wilkinson /
Chet Valley Churches)

1st Reading **Ephesians 1:15 - 23** **Pearl Holt**

The Creed

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn 3 **As the dear pants for the waters** (Martin Nystrom /
Emmaus Music)

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Michael Warren

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

2nd Reading **Matthew 25: 31 - 46** **Simon Pinnell**

Hymn 4 **What a friend we have in Jesus** (Joseph Scriven / Lswe1)

Sermon **Graham Fairbairn**

Hymn 5 **In Christ alone** (Getty & Townend / St Laurence Church
Chorley)

Blessing
