



CHRIST THE KING

OF ALL THE EARTH

God, Father Son and Spirit
God, Christ, and Breath of Life
together-Creator, **together**-Sustainer
Giving and receiving,
through all the diverse wonder
that your creatures bring to light

Today, **We greet you, and we praise you**

God, who in the Beginning
gave the moon to rule the night
the sun to rule the day
and, having set that example
of the reign of light and life
gave like honour to our species
and the chance to be like you.

We greet you, and we praise you,

And look to scripture to recognise
whom we encounter:
the God who can change their mind,
who rules by sharing
who will not force us to do the right thing
yet bears the cost when we choose harm.

We hear the voice of Earth:
neither enemy nor slave;

And the voice of the one they called “king”
as, scornful, they brought him, to the Tree
doing violence to their saviour;
blotting out the Word of life

And yet we're bold.
to **greet you, and to praise you.**

We have struggled, and exploited
and at times, made such progress;
each of us gifted a universe:
a way of seeing;
as well as the capability not to

So **as we greet you and we praise you,**
may we - above all - praise you
in the listening, the discernment;
may we praise you in the ***change of mind***
which none of us can ***have done with;***

May we praise you,
delighting in our incompleteness
not seduced by a “perfection”
which would bring our journey to a close;

May we praise you,
whom violent men scorned as ‘king’;
and who, in the midst of ***their violence***
prayed for ***their forgiveness.***
for they knew not what they did.

Dear Christ, pray too, for us
whether or not we know the harm we do;
that in the lives of forgiven people,
your reign of love may set us free. **AMEN**