



THE ANGLICAN PROVINCE OF CHRIST THE KING



"The Universal Church is today, it seems to me, more definitely set against the World than at any time since pagan Rome. I do not mean that our times are particularly corrupt; all times are corrupt... The World is trying the experiment of attempting to form a civilized but non-Christian mentality. The experiment will fail; but we must be very patient in awaiting its collapse; meanwhile redeeming the time; so that the Faith may be preserved alive through the dark ages before us; to renew and rebuild civilization and save the World from suicide."

~T. S. Eliot

IN the aftermath of World War II and growing into the 1970s, attacks upon the Christian faith aroused serious concern among Episcopalians. These attacks peaked in the 1976 General Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at which time the Episcopal Church in the United States of America brought about sweeping changes. After abandoning the majestic spirituality and theology of the 1928 *Book of Common Prayer*, they freed themselves from the necessity of expressing the Apostolic faith and a new Episcopal Church emerged. Bishops and priests could now turn from their ordination vows and renounce the essential doctrines and disciplines of the church.

INSPIRED by the Holy Spirit, a group of Episcopal clergy and laity gathered in 1977 in St. Louis, Missouri issuing a statement of faith known as the *Affirmation of St. Louis*. They confirmed their commitment to orthodox Christianity. With the authority of the *Affirmation*, six Western parishes of the Episcopal Church joined together to form the Anglican Province of Christ the King. The Rev. Robert Sherwood Morse, rector of St. Peter's in Oakland, California was elected Bishop and consecrated (the requisite three bishops having consented) on January 28, 1978. The Rt. Rev. Albert

A. Chambers, retired Episcopal Bishop of Springfield, Illinois, served as chief consecrator.

IN the quarter of a century since the beginnings, the Province of Christ the King has grown from one Diocese into five - The Diocese of the Western States, The Diocese of the Eastern States, The Diocese of the Southwestern States, The Diocese of the Southern States, and The Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Now embracing more than fifty parishes, the Province maintains its national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

In 1979, the Province of Christ the King established Saint Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College in Berkeley, California. The seminary has given many committed and trained clergy to parishes throughout the Province. The College was founded under the patronage of Saint Joseph of Arimathea, the legendary founder of English Christianity.

THE Province of Christ the King follows the teaching of Jesus Christ and stands by the historic Faith and the Anglican tradition. The guiding principles of this faith are to be found in the 1928 *Book of Common Prayer* and Holy Scripture. This dynamic Anglican faith has produced:

- * *the King James Bible,*
- * *most of Western Christendom's great church music,*
- * *William Shakespeare, T. S. Eliot, C. S. Lewis, Charles Williams, George Frederic Handel, John Donne, Charles Dickens, Jeremy Taylor, Dorothy Sayers, George Herbert, Jonathan Swift, Evelyn Underhill, William Law, John Newton, John Milton, George Berkeley, William Wilberforce,*
- * *eleven former U S. presidents and most of our nation's founding fathers.*

The Province of Christ The King, with God's grace and strength, will continue to grow and extend His kingdom.