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Christ the King

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10.30 am

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Thank you for joining us for this online act of worship

Welcome to our worship today as we celebrate the Feast Christ the King. **In the Church of England's 'Common Worship: Times and Seasons'** liturgy library we are told:

The annual cycle of the Church's year now ends with the Feast of Christ the King.

The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle once more begins.

In Wendy Churchill's wonderful words we hear:

*We have A hope that is steadfast and certain
Gone through the curtain and touching the Throne
We have a priest who is there interceding
Pouring His grace on our lives day by day.*

*We come to Him, our Priest and Apostle
Clothed in His glory and bearing His name
Laying our lives with gladness before Him
Filled with His Spirit we worship the King*

Before the worship begins, you might like to prepare some bread and wine (or juice or something similar) to share when it comes time for the **receiving of communion. Technically speaking this won't be consecrated** bread and wine but it is still being set aside for the purposes of spiritual communion, what in times past early Christians would have called an **'agape' meal, a meal of love and thanksgiving.**

You'll see that our service today includes three hymns -please do join in with these at home! Please also join in with the words in bold type.

Welcome to the Melbourne Rectory Dining Room.

We Worship God Together

Hymn

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Yours the glory...

Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Yours the glory...

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

Yours the glory...

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Yours the glory...

Words: MICHAEL SAWARD (b.1932) Tune: GUITING POWER Cyril Taylor (b. 1948)

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We say sorry

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

A time of quiet is kept.

The kingdom is yours,
but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and strength:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory of God:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

God's forgiveness is declared.

May God our Father ✠forgive you your sins,
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom
where dust and ashes have no dominion.
Amen.

The Gloria

To God we sing on high
with worship, thanks and praise;
His glory reigns beyond the sky:
brings peace to human days.

In Christ we see the face
of love, the only Son,
the Lamb of God whose saving grace
O'er sin and death has won.

Receive our prayer, O Lord,
the high and holy one –
In Jesus Christ and Spirit poured
the Father's glory's done!

Words: NEIL THOMPSON

Tune: SANDYS from W. Sandy's Christmas Carols, 1833

The Collect

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.

We Listen to God's Word

Gospel Reading
Matthew 25.31-46

Alleluia, alleluia.
You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

We Pray

After each prayer petition, the following response is used:

May your kingdom come;
Lord, hear our prayer.

After a time of quiet,

Loving God,
you have taught us that the power of the heart
is greater than the power of wealth and might.
Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our King;
to him be glory and power for ever. Amen.

We Share Holy Communion

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The peace of Lord be always with you
and also with you.

cf Colossians 3.14

The altar is prepared whilst the hymn is sung.

Crown him with many crowns,
the lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne - the infinite!
who lives - and loves - and saves.

Words: MATTHEW BRIDGES(1800-94)

Tune: DIADEMATA George J Elvey (1816-93)

Prayer of Offering

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

This is the great prayer of thanksgiving where, like Jesus at the Last Supper, we offer our bread and wine to God.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.



As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

After a few moments of quiet, the priest introduces the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom
in the words our servant King has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.



Sharing of Communion

The priest invites us to share communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

We share bread and wine whilst music is played.

We pray after Communion

The priest introduces the post communion prayer.

Let us pray
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.

We receive God's Blessing

Hymn

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

In valleys, hills and fields

God's gift to man reveals

A beauty all around

Where hymns of praise should sound

Let all the world in every corner sing

My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing

My God and King!

The church with psalms must shout,

No door can keep them out;

But above all the heart

Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,

My God and King!

Words: vs 1 and 3, GEORGE HERBERT (1593-1633) vs 2 GRISELDA KERR

Tune: LUCKINGTON Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

The Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,

that you may reign with him in glory;

and the ✠ blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord:

thanks be to God.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere,

now and for ever.

Amen.

Thank you for being part of today's worship.

Stay safe and may God be with you.

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