



21st November 2021 Yr B Christ the King

Welcome:

Greeting:

May the Lord be with you
And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

Let's take a moment to be still and aware of the God's presence within us
and all around us.

Christ Candle:

We light this candle to remind us of the light of Christ;
A light that darkness has not overcome
A light that shines in each one of us.

Acknowledgement First Peoples:

We acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of this country on which we
gather today; the Gadigal and Wangal people. And we pay our respects to
their Elders past and present, together with all descendants.

**We commit ourselves to support Voice, Treaty, Truth – justice for First
Nations Peoples.**

Call to Worship:

We come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega,
the one who is, who was, and is to come.

We come to worship the one who rules justly and loves unconditionally

Bread of Heaven, God with us.

Good Shepherd, True Vine.

Eternal Word, Great I AM

Wonderful Counsellor, Prince of Peace.

We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords.

To Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever!

Opening Prayer:

Christ our King,

as we gather together today, we entrust ourselves and the world
to the Spirit of Love and to each other.

Give to us your gift of peace and healing

in the joy of music and words,

in the stillness of prayer,

and in the Spirit's enfolding love.

Amen.

Song: Morning has broken (TIS 156)

Morning has broken

Like the first morning,

Blackbird has spoken

Like the first bird.

Praise for the singing.

Praise for the morning.

Praise for them, springing

Fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall

Sunlit from Heaven,

Like the first dewfall

On the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness

Of the wet garden,

Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day.

Prayer of Confession:

We come to God, in our humanness,
knowing that we are loved just as we are.
In this knowledge we are confident to pray:

We own our humanness, O God.
We know that there have been many moments
when we have failed to be true
to the hope of the reign of God
and the unity we know is found in you.
We have not always received
the gifts which lie within our differing human journeys
or in the insights which we could share.
We have been tempted
by the power and realities of our own stories
rather than the wonder of new life with each other.
Forgive us, loving God,
and call us on to truly walk with you.
This we pray in hope and faith.
Amen.

Words of Assurance:

God, in Christ Jesus, holds us in love
and will lead us into a new journey together
and a future filled with hope.

Hear then Christ's words of grace to us:

"Your sins are forgiven"

Thanks be to God

Peace:

May the peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

Song: Glory be to God the Father (TIS 142)

Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit,
God almighty, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory
while eternal ages run.

Glory be to him who loved us,
washed us from each spot and stain;
glory be to him who bought us,
made us kings with him to reign;
Glory, glory, glory, glory
to the Lamb that once was slain.

'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!'
thus the choir of angels sings;
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!'
thus its praise creation brings;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
glory to the King of kings!

Moment for the young at heart:

Bible Reading:

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,

the oracle of the man whom God exalted,^[a]

the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:
² The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.
³ The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:
One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
⁴ is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.
⁵ Is not my house like this with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.
Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?
⁶ But the godless are^[b] all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
⁷ to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

John 18:33-37

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters^[a] again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Tui

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer:

**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.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever.
Amen**

Giving thanks and Signs of hope: The congregation share good news

Community News:

Offering Prayer:

As we faithfully give for the life and mission of God's church in this place and in the world, let's pray our offering prayer:

God of great gifts,
we make our offerings, small and large,
with the hope and confidence
that all we do,
all we offer
and all we hope
will take root in this world
and be the source of new expressions
of your love, justice and reign.
May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven
through us,
alongside us,
despite us,
and for us.

Amen.

Song: From heaven you came helpless babe (TIS 256)

From heaven you came helpless babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

Refrain:

*This is our God, the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King*

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not My will but Yours, ' He said

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

Benediction & Blessing:

May God the Great Creator,
go on creating within us,
Christ Jesus be our company
and the Holy Spirit surround us
with eternal grace.

And may Almighty God bless you;
Creator, Christ and Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always

Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, you heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

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