



20th November 2022 Yr C Christ the King

Processional Hymn: As the deer pants for the water (TIS 703)

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you

You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone will my spirit yield
You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship you

Welcome:

Greeting:

May the Lord be with you
And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

Christ Candle:

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

Acknowledgement First Peoples:

This is God's land and God's Spirit dwells here.
As we gather to worship God,
we acknowledge that we were not the first people that God put in this place.
We acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people,
the traditional owners of this land.

We honour them for their custodianship of this land.

We pray that through God's Spirit, we might be people of reconciliation.

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.

Songs:

Bow before the Lord

1. Bow before the Lord, he reigns in majesty.

Kneel before the throne of the mighty King of Kings.
He is the holy Lamb, he is the great I AM,
and his righteousness will shine for evermore.

*Chorus:*The heavens are declaring the glory of his name.
The earth and sky proclaim that he is Lord.
The heavens are declaring
the glory of our great and awesome God.

2.Bow before the Lord, he reigns in sovereignty.
Kneel before the throne of our eternal King.
Bow before the Lord, who triumphed mightily.
Kneel before the throne of our victorious king.

*Bridge:*Death could not hold him.
Death could not keep him bound.
The power of darkness crumbled when he rose.

The King of love

1.The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His
and He is mine forever.

2.Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul He leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

3.Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love He sought me,
and on His shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

4.In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with Thee dear Lord beside me.
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

5.Thou spread'st a table in my sight,
Thy unction grace bestoweth,
and O what transport of delight
from Thy pure chalice floweth.

6.And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise
within Thy house forever.

Prayer of Confession:

We come to God, knowing that we have failed to obey the call of Jesus to love God and one another with our whole hearts; but we come also to a God who reaches out to us with healing and reconciliation. In this knowledge, let us 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.

Let's share Christ's peace with one another

Hymn: 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.

Moment for the young at heart: Tonia

Bible Reading: Hector

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear longer or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Luke 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus^[a] there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." ³⁵ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him,^[d] "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding^[e] him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah?^[f] Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in^[g] your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Chris Longfoot

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: John

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.

Hymn: God has spoken (TIS 158)

1. God has spoken by His prophets,
spoken His unchanging word.
Each from age to age proclaiming God,
the One the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil,
one firm anchor holds us fast.
God is King His throne eternal,
God the first and God the last.

2. God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ the everlasting Son.
Brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one.
Spoken by the Word incarnate,
God of God ere time was born.
Light of Light to earth descending,
Christ as God in human form.

3. God is speaking by His Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again,
in the ageless word expounding
God's own message now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith yet standing fast.
God abides His word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.

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

3-fold Amen

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