

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2025 Reign of Christ

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Greeter:

Leader: **Heather**

Meditation Song: ***Build My Life***

(please remain seated)

1. Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breath
We live for you
We live for you

2. Jesus the name above every other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you
We live for you

Chorus

Holy, there is no one like you
There is none beside you
Open up our eyes in wonder
Show us who you are and fill us
With your heart and lead us
In your love to those around us

Bridge

We will build our lives upon your love
It is a firm foundation
We will put our trust in you alone
And we will not be shaken

x2

Chorus

Holy, there is no one like you
There is none beside you
Open up our eyes in wonder
Show us who you are and fill us
With your heart and lead us
In your love to those around us

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Welcome: Heather

Greeting:

May Christ be with you
And also with you

Christ Candle:

Christ, light of the world!
Christ, sovereign over all the earth!
Christ, rule in our hearts!

“Because of the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.” (Luke 1:78-79)

Moment of Stillness

Acknowledgement of Country: TBC

As we look upon the hills and valleys, we see the love poured out upon this land by those who have cared for it since time beyond measure.
We are thankful for and honour those Aboriginal peoples who have gone before and those who are yet to come.

May we remember the call God places on humanity to care for Creation.

May we take the lead from the Gadigal and Wangal people, whose stories are entwined with the stewarding of this place. May we learn from them and walk with them towards justice and renewal.

Call to Worship: Heather

Come and worship Christ,
the visible image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of creation,
the eternal God:
the one through whom all things were created,
and in whom all things are held together

**This is our God!
Let's worship together**

Song: Your Peace Will Make Us One (Audrey Assad)

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
You are speaking truth to power, you are laying down our swords
Replanting every vineyard til a brand new wine is poured
Your peace will make us one

2. I've seen you in our home fires burning with a quiet light
You are mothering and feeding in the wee hours of the night
Your gentle love is patient, you will never fade or tire
Your peace will make us one

Chorus

Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Your peace will make us one

3. In the beauty of the lilies you were born across the sea
With a glory in your bosom that is still transfiguring
Dismantling our empires til each one of us is free
Your peace will make us one

Chorus

Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Glory, glory, Hallelujah!
Your peace will make us one

x2

Prayer of Confession:

In our prayer of confession, we trust that no matter what we do or don't do, this story ends with love. So, in this knowledge, let us begin our confession with a short time of silence:

Silent reflection

Let us pray:

Jesus said, "My realm is not of this world."

And yet, we confess,
sometimes we still get seduced
by the values of empire:
wealth and power and glory.

Loving God, you see us as we are.
You know our secret battles
and all the ways in which we fail to live out
your call upon our lives.

Never give up on us, God.
Use us, even in our brokenness.
Forgive us and renew us.
Help us to enthrone you in our lives.

Words of Assurance:

Sisters and brothers in Christ.
Hear the good news: God's love for us is unending
and God's mercy is boundless.
In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.
Amen

Peace:

As a people called
To the ways of peace
We pray once more

For peace in our world
For peace in these lands
For peace in our homes
For peace in our hearts

May the peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

Sharing of the peace

Moment for the young at heart: Marian
Bible Readings: Ron

Jeremiah 23:1-6

23 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 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 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." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" 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, "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? 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 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: *Roger Abrahams*

Moment of Silence

Song: Crucified God

1. What a scandalous story
This we believe
God among us in glory
Is nailed to a tree
For the sake of the broken
Freely you give
Not by sword, nor conquest
But with 'Father, forgive'

Chorus

Crucified God
Love now displayed, in humility you came
By their hands you were slain
Crucified God
In flesh to be seen
Love now revealed
Perfect love now revealed

2. A Roman cross you would carry
To death's dark hill
A crown of thorns from your mockers
A sign declares you as "King"
Condemned like a criminal
Only guilty of love

Your last breath leaves your body
You cry out 'It is done!'

Chorus

Crucified God
Love now displayed, in humility you came
By their hands you were slain
Crucified God
In flesh to be seen
Love now revealed
Perfect love now revealed

Bridge

Love conquers death
We shall not fear, we shall not fear
Love now remains
Hope to the weak, hope to the weak
Evermore we will sing
We are set free, we are set free
From our guilt and our shame
In love we live, in love we live

Chorus

Crucified God
Love now displayed, in humility you came
By their hands you were slain
Crucified God
In flesh to be seen
Love now revealed

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Prayers of the People: Rev Clabon

The Lord's Prayer: Rev Clabon

(Contemporary Version UIW2)

Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker.
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Community News – Helen

Hearing from our children - Heather

Song: Known by Love (Glen Spencer and Charissa Suli)

1. You are the potter
We are the clay
You gently form us
To move in your ways
Spinning and turning
Held in your gaze
Beauty emerging
Centred in grace

Chorus

Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts
Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts again

2. You are the weaver
We are the leaves
Woven together
Crossing boundaries
A fala of welcome
A fala of peace
Rich conversation
All heard and all seen

Chorus

Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts
Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts again

Bridge

May our lives, may our lives
Be formed by love, by love
May your church, may your church
Be known by love, by love
By love

Chorus

Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts
Come, Spirit come strangely warm our hearts again

Benediction: Heather

Go now with
Christ renewing your mind
Christ guiding your steps
Christ reigning in your heart

May the Risen Crucified One
Shape the world that is
And the world that is to come
As we join Christ in the re-creation of all

And may the blessing of our Loving God
Creator, Christ and Spirit
Be with you now and remain with always

3-fold-Amen

Pastoral Prayers: Chris W

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