



Christ the King Sunday 23rd November 2025 Presider:

'I am the Alpha and the Omega the beginning and the end; says the Lord God, the Almighty One.

Revelation 1: 8a,c

We stand

Opening Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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Tune: MILES LANE

- All hail the power of Jesus' name!

 Let angels prostrate fall,

 bring forth the royal diadem

 and crown him, crown him, crown him,

 crown him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown him you martyrs of our God, who witnessed to his call; exalt the one whose path you trod, and crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
- 3 Descendants of his chosen race you ransomed from the Fall, hail him who saves the world by grace, and crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
- 4 Let every people, nation, tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe and crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
- O that in heaven with that great throng, we at his feet may fall, join in the everlasting song and crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

The Gathering

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**

(In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen)

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.

Song of Praise: A New Heaven and a New Earth

Revelation 21: 1, 2, 22, 23; 22: 3-5; 5: 13

- I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.
- I saw the holy city new Jerusalem:coming down out of heaven from God.
- I saw no temple in the city: for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.
- The city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it: for the glory of God illuminates it, and the Lamb is its light.
- 5 The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city:

and the servants of God shall worship before the throne.

- They shall see God face to face: and bear the name of their God upon their foreheads.
- 7 There shall be no more night:
 nor will they need the light of lamp or sun,
- 8 for the Lord God will give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.
- To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb:

be blessing and honour, glory and might for ever and ever. Amen.

We sit or kneel

Invitation to Confession:

God's love is shown for us in this: while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

In a moment of silence, we call to mind God's love for us, and our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Jesus, you came to call us to repentance. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to share your abundant life. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Jesus, you will come again in glory to renew the whole creation. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Gracious God,

for whom we watch and wait as we journey through this earthly life;

forgive us, cleanse us, heal us, and set us free, so that we may come to share in your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen

The Absolution

Presider: God forgives you;

forgive others; forgive yourself.

Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:

approach your God in peace.

Amen.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts. The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Sentence: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding

on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9

Collect: Living Christ,

you are risen from the dead.

Love reigns!

You are stronger than death;

raise our eyes to see you as the new day dawns;

for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Reading: **Jeremiah 23: 1-6**

After the Reading: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 (ANZPB)

- 1 God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.
- 2 So we will not be afraid though the earth should quake: and mountains fall into the depths of the sea,
- though the waters of the sea rage and foam: and the mountains tremble at the tumult.
- 4 There is a river, its streams make glad the city of God: which the Most High has made a holy dwelling.
- God is within her, she cannot be shaken: God will help her at the break of day.
- 6 Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken: but God has spoken, and the earth melts away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come and see what the Lord has done: the devastation brought upon the earth.
- 9 The Lord makes wars to cease in all the world: the Lord breaks the bow and snaps the spear, and burns the shields in the fire.
- 10 'Be still then, and know that I am God: high over the nations, high above the earth.'
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Reading: Colossians 1: 11-20

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Gradual Hymn: Be still, for the presence of the Lord

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- 1 Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
 Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
 In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
- Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with spendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
- Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him; be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Gospel Reading: Luke 23: 33-43

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter twenty-three, beginning at the thirty-third verse. **Praise and glory to God.**

After the reading: This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

The Sermon

The Sermon is followed by a moment of silence and/or musical reflection.

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

We sit or kneel

- V: Jesus ... rule our hearts and wills:
- R: Jesus, come into your kingdom.

(from 'Let Us Pray' - Janet Nelson)

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

As we sing the next Hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; our offerings for the Foodbank and money to support ministry and mission are collected and presented also.

Offertory Hymn: Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

SG458 – Words: William Dix (this version © Jubilate Hymns) - Tune: HYFRYDOL

- Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
 his the sceptre, his the throne:
 Alleluia! his the triumph,
 his the victory alone.
 Hear the songs of holy Zion
 thunder like a mighty flood:
 'Jesus out of every nation
 has redeemed us by his blood!'
- 2 Alleluia! not as orphans
 are we left in sorrow now:
 Alleluia! he is near us;
 faith believes, but knows not how.
 Though the cloud from sight received him whom the angels now adore,
 shall our hearts forget his promise,
 'I am with you evermore'?
- Alleluia! bread of heaven,
 here on earth our food, our stay:
 Alleluia! here the sinful
 come to you from day to day.
 Intercessor, friend of sinners,
 earth's redeemer, plead for me,
 where the songs of all the sinless
 sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
you, the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heaven your throne:
you, within the veil have entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
yours the blood and yours the body,
in our Eucharistic feast.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here. **God's Spirit is with us.**

Blessed be God for ever.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is right to glorify you and to give you thanks, our holy and living God; you dwell in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendour of your radiance.

Now we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, and give voice to every creature, as we join in the eternal hymn:

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.

We acclaim you, holy one, all your actions reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from your friendship, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only begotten one to be our Saviour. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of your servant Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin.

To the poor, Christ proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfil your purpose, Christ accepted suffering and death and, through the victory over the grave, the whole creation was made new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, you sent the Holy Spirit, the first gift for those who believe, to complete this work in the world, and to bring to fulfilment the sanctification of all.

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Gracious God, we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption.

From the gifts you have given us we offer you this bread and this cup, and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness.

Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world.
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.
And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favour with you in ages past.
We praise you in union with them

We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray, saying ...

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 from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The Invitation to Communion

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua, tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti. Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

Communion will be served at standing stations at the Sanctuary steps - all are welcome to receive the bread and wine at communion, (<u>however please note that intinction, ie dipping the wafer into the wine chalice, is **NOT** permitted); although you are welcome to receive the bread only if you prefer, or to come forward for a blessing only.</u>

If you need communion served to you in your seat, please indicate to the servers.

Prayer after Communion

Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

The Blessing

The God of all grace who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus, restore establish and strengthen you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

We share any notices and news

Closing Hymn: Crown Him with many Crowns

SG321 / CP166 / TiS228 - Words: Matthew Bridges - Tune: DIADEMATA

- 1 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 me, and hail him as your chosen king through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified; no angel there on high can fully bear that sight, but downwards bends a burning eye at mysteries so bright.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save: his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high; who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of peace,
 whose power a sceptre sways
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease
 absorbed in prayer and praise:
 his reign shall know no end,
 and round his pierced feet
 fair flowers of paradise extend
 their fragrance ever sweet.

5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
majestic and sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

The Dismissal

Haere i runga i te aroha. Haere i runga i te rangimārie. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

Following the service, all are welcome to share morning tea/coffee served in the 'Hospitality Corner' at the southern side of the Church.

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