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Sunday 26th November 2023 — 10.30 a.m. All Age Eucharist

Christ the King

Celebrant: The Rector

Readings: Nick Morris

Sidespeople: Fiona Macleod & Libby Coats

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PREPARATION

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

1 Christ be beside me,
Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me,
Christ be below me,
Christ be above me,
never to part.

2 Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me,
shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising
light of my life.

3 Christ be in all hearts
thinking about me,
Christ be in all tongues
telling of me.
Christ be the vision
in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me,
Christ ever be.

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Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Responses

Believing that God made and loves the world, **we gather.**
That it may be restored to fulfil God's purposes, **we pray.**
To seek a wisdom deeper than our own, **we listen.**
To honour God who gave us a voice, **we worship.** (© 2021 Wild Goose Resource Group)

Gloria: *Peruvian Gloria* (*please stand*)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!
To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**
Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father!
To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**
Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**
Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!**

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23 (*please sit*)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not
cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. [17] I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with
the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the
riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power
for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when
he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and
authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the
age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the
church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gradual Hymn

1 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.

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.

2 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.

3 Come, see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

4 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.

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Gospel Acclamation

(*please stand*)

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Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46 (*please stand*) *When it is announced:* Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said: '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. [32] 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, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at
the left. [34] 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; [35] 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, [36] 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." [37] 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? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave
you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" [40] 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." [41] 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; [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you
gave me nothing to drink, [43] 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." [44] 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?" [45] 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." [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Give thanks to the Lord for this glorious Gospel. Praise to Christ our Lord.

Talk: The Rector

Creed (*please stand*)

Do you believe in God the Father, who made the world?

I believe in God the Father.

Do you believe in God the Son, who redeemed humanity?

I believe in God the Son.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to God's people?

I believe in God the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Intercessions led by Bob Piper (*please sit or kneel*)

Sung Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children, there is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. *Silence*

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace (*please stand*) We meet in Christ's name. **Let us share his peace.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn (*please stand*)

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us
to claim you as our king?
What royal face have your revealed
whose praise the church would sing?

2 You came, the image of our God,
to heal and to forgive,
to shed your blood for sinners' sake
that we might rise and live.

3 Though some would make their greatness felt
and lord it over all,
you said the first must be the last
and service be our call.

4 You chose a humble human form
and shunned the world's renown;
you died for us upon a cross
with thorns your only crown.

5 But still, beyond the span of years,
our glad hosannas ring,
for now at God's right hand you reign,
a different kind of king!

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Offertory Prayer (*please stand*)

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. You made us, all the people of the world, and everything that is. You give us the daylight. Your Word lights up our minds. Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness. Your Spirit lives in us so that we can look at the world with your eyes. One day we will be with you in heaven, but already we laugh with the saints and angels, and sing their joyful song:

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. (*please sit*)

Father, you never forget us or turn away from us, even when we fail you. You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us. He healed those who were sick, cared for those who were poor, and cried with those who were sad. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive. For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

So, as we do what he told us,
we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died and rose again
to live now in us.
Together with him we offer you these gifts:
in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, and that, sharing your life, we may travel in your company to our journey's end. With all your people we give you thanks and praise through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world. Lord, unite us in this sign.

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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

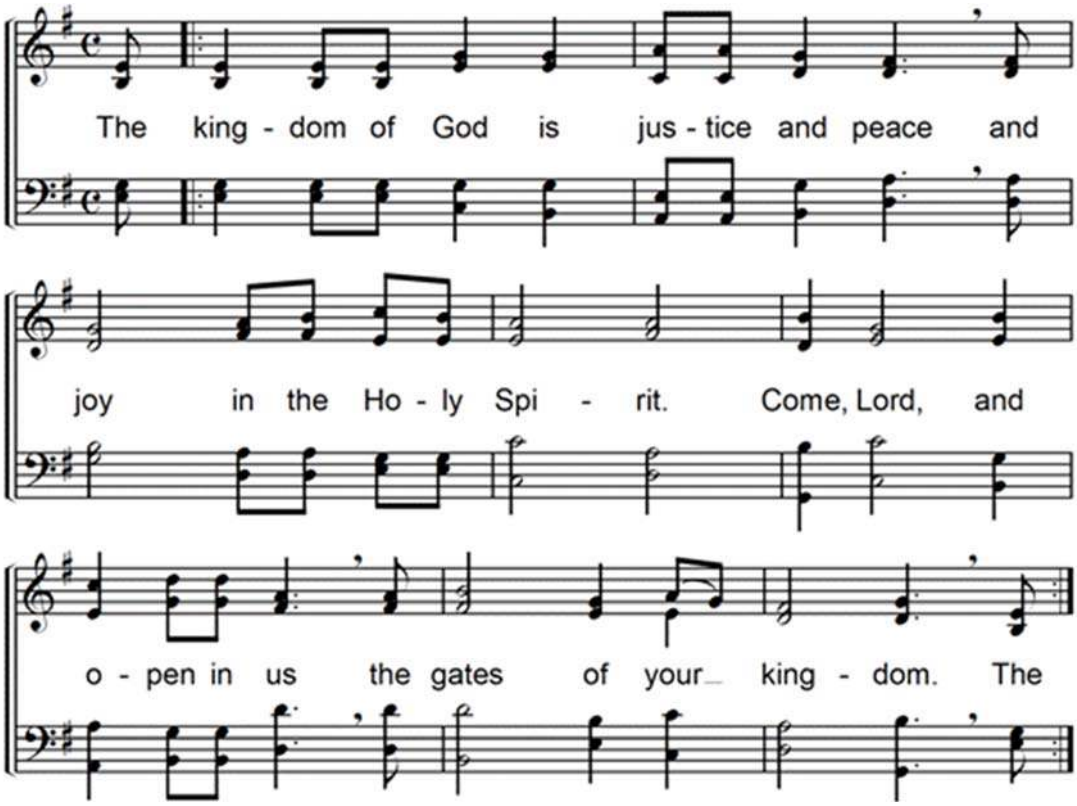
Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Communion

is administered in both kinds at the bottom of the chancel steps. Hand sanitiser is provided. It is perfectly acceptable to only receive the bread, should you so wish. Please do not intinct (dip the bread into the wine) as this is not considered to be a hygienic practice. The communicant may respond with **Amen** *when receiving the bread and wine.*

During Communion



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Post Communion Hymn

1 Summoned by the God who made us
rich in our diversity,
gathered in the name of Jesus,
richer still in unity:

Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new Church into being
one in faith and love and praise.

2 Radiant risen from the water,
robed in holiness and light,
male and female in God's image,
male and female, God's delight:

3 Trust the goodness of creation;
trust the Spirit strong within.
Dare to dream the vision promised
sprung from seed of what has been.

4 Bring the hopes of every nation;
bring the art of every race.
Weave a song of peace and justice;
let it sound through time and space.

5 Draw together at one table
all the human family;
shape a circle ever wider
and a people ever free.

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THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Post Communion Prayer

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Hymn (*please stand*)

1 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.

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

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

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

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

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The Blessing & Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Postlude William Walton: Crown Imperial

NOTICES

Monday 27th November
10 – 11.30 a.m. **HT Tots Café**

Tuesday 28th November
7.30 – 9.30 p.m. **Young Adults Group** (at St Saviour's Bridge of Allan)

Thursday 30th November
St Andrew, Apostle
11 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Saturday 2nd December
3 p.m. **SAAFFA Christmas Cracker**
7.30 p.m. **Advent Carol Service**

Sunday 3rd December	**Readings**
ADVENT 1	Isaiah 64.1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9;
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**	Mark 13.24-37

Advent Study Groups 2023

This year, we will be discussing Barbara Brown Taylor's **Learning to Walk in the Dark**. We ordered 20 copies of the book, please feel free to pick up a copy at the back of the church. Donations to HT are appreciated. Two groups will meet for three weeks in December: Wednesday mornings at 10.30 a.m. (6th, 13th & 20th December) and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. (7th, 14th & 21st December). Sign-up sheets at the back of church.

Friday 8th December
10.30 a.m. **Funeral Edna Ravey**