



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

open doors ... open hearts ... open minds ... open hands ...

Welcome to worship this morning as we celebrate the final Sunday of the Church Year: The Festival of Christ the King.



**Christ the King/The Reign of Christ
Last Sunday after Pentecost**

26 November 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Setting: *Dreistimmige Messe* - Robert Führer (1807- 1861)

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

Introit

Choir

In Te, Domine sperave (In you, Lord, have I put my trust) Op.296, No2
Robert Führer (1807-1861)

Entrance Hymn

Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus [TIS 517]

**Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
hallelujah! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood.'**

**Hallelujah! not as orphans,
are we left in sorrow now;
hallelujah! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Hallelujah! bread of heaven,
and on earth, our food, our stay;
hallelujah! here the sinful
flee 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.**

**Hallelujah! King eternal,
you the Lord of lords we own;
hallelujah! born of Mary,**

earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:
you within the veil have entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
you on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Invocation and Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Sentence

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

Psalm 100.1

Prayer of Approach

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

<i>Kyrie eleison</i>	Lord have mercy
<i>Christe eleison</i>	Christ have mercy
<i>Kyrie eleison</i>	Lord have mercy

Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. cf Matthew 4:17

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te.
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite
Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria
Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest,
and in earth peace, good will
towards men.
We praise you.
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord God the only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ.
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of
God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

God of power and love,
who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:
free the world to rejoice in his peace,
to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.
Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

Choir

*1 O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his face with songs of joy.*

*2 Know that the Lord he is God:
it is he who has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

*3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
give thanks to him, and bless his holy name.*

*4 For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever:
his faithfulness throughout all generations.*

Second Reading

Ephesians 1.15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 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, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 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, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gospel

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 25.31-46

‘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. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 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; 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, 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.” 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and

welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 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." 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; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 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." 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?" 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." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence [TIS 497]

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending
comes full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light comes shining
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraphs,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high!**

*From the Liturgy of St James c. 4th cent.
tr. Gerard Moultrie 1829-85 alt.*

The gifts are brought to the Lord's Table.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

All glory and honour be yours now and always,
mighty Creator, everliving God.
We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.
You anointed him with the oil of gladness
as the eternal priest and universal King.
As Priest he offered his life on the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race
by his one sacrifice of peace.
As king Jesus claims dominion over all creation,

that he may present to you
an eternal and universal kingdom;
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name.
for ever praising you and singing:

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and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name.
for ever praising you and singing:

<i>Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus</i>	Holy, holy, holy,
<i>Dominus Deus sabaoth.</i>	Lord God of power and might,
<i>Pleni sunt caeli et terra,</i>	heaven and earth are
<i>Gloria tua.</i>	full of your glory.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.

<i>Benedictus qui venit</i>	Blessed is he who comes
<i>In nomine Domini.</i>	in the name of the Lord
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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.**

The celebrant breaks the bread.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Agnus dei (Lamb of God)

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world have mercy on us
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world have mercy on us
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world grant us you peace.

The celebrant says

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Holy things for holy people.
Broken things for broken people.

Communion Anthem

King of glory, King of peace – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) arr. W Harris
O Sing unto the Lord a new song – Thomas Morley (c.1557-1603)

Notices

Mission Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim [TIS 245]

**We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for all throughout the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall,
But in a stable dark and dim,
The Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save;
In lonely suff'ring on the cross:
For all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for he was free;
He broke the pow'r of death and hell
That we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
To live for him, the Lamb who died.
Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

Edward Joseph Burns 1938 -

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The president says

Gracious God,
we thank you that in this sacrament
you assure us of your goodness and love.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
and help us to grow in love and obedience
that we may serve you in the world
and finally be brought to that table
where all your saints feast with you for ever.

Blessing

Most loving God,
**you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Grosse Praludium in D minor – Johann Christian Kittel (1732-1809)

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Cathedral Prayer

Living and eternal Christ bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage, prayer and discovery. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.

Prayers for those in need

Joy Baldwin Sue Cotter Gail Gilmore Allen Madden Margaret Kay	Ruth Kingsley John McAnally Elaine Stephenson Roy Ford Grace Clague	Kay Metcalfe Tammy Uren Mervyn Kingsley Aneta Jones
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Remembering those who have died

Recently Departed: Fred Swinghammer
Year's Mind: Muriel Shepherd, Robert Jeanes, Elsie Hale, Ivy Sweetman, Neville Smith, Gordon Child & Gary Dow

Around the Parish this Week

Today	<p>Christ the King/The Reign of Christ Last Sunday after Pentecost Followed by shared morning tea 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au</p>
Birthdays this week	<p>Happy birthday to: Joan Morrow & Judy Glasson</p>
Weekdays	<p>Morning Prayer 8.30am Wed, Thurs & Fri at the Cathedral & via Zoom</p> <p>Evening Prayer 5.15 Wed, Thurs & Fri Zoom only</p> <p>Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR to access via Zoom</p> <p>Cathedral Office 9.00am–5.00pm(9-3 Fri)</p> <p>Cathedral Bookshop 9.30am–3.30pm(Tues-Fri)</p> <p>Cathedral OpShop 10.00am–4.00pm (Mon – Fri) 9.00-12.00 (Sat)</p> <p>Wednesday Worship at 10.00 am</p> <p>Please ensure that we have your email address and mobile number so we can reach out to you with information, news and pastoral support. If you need pastoral care or other support, please call either Dean Naomi, Canon Camellia or Deacon Grant.</p>
Next Sunday	<p>First Sunday of Advent 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au</p>
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