



St Ives Uniting Church

21st November 2021

Christ the King Sunday

Welcome and lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to worship

God exalted Jesus to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn: 133 O worship the king, all glorious above

Prayer of adoration

Responsive psalm (Psalm 132:7-18)

“Let us go to his dwelling place, let us worship at his footstool, saying,
Arise, LORD, and come to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.

May your priests be clothed with your righteousness; may your faithful people sing for joy.’ ”

For the sake of your servant David, do not reject your anointed one.

The LORD swore an oath to David, a sure oath he will not revoke:

“One of your own descendants I will place on your throne.

If your descendants keep my covenant and the statutes I teach them, then their descendants will sit on your throne for ever and ever.”

For the LORD has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his dwelling, saying,

“This is my resting place for ever and ever; here I will sit

enthroned, for I have desired it.

I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor I will satisfy with food.

I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her faithful people will ever sing for joy.

“Here I will make a horn grow for David and set up a lamp for my anointed one.

I will clothe his enemies with shame, but his head will be adorned with a radiant crown.”

Amen

Prayer of confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ’s word of grace to us:

‘Your sins are forgiven.’

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 237 Hail, Redeemer, King Divine

Before the readings – The last Sunday of the year

Bible readings

Revelation 1:4b – 8

Max Osborne

⁴John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father-to him be glory and power for ever and ever!

Amen. ⁷"Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the LORD God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

John 18: 33 – 37

Val Fowler

³³Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" ³⁴"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" ³⁵"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" ³⁶Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." ³⁷"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: The Paradox of Royalty

Lawrence Peak

Poem: When I Think of a King

Lawrence Peak

Video: Majesty, worship his majesty

Offering and prayer

Let us pray together:

**Gracious God,
You have given us all we have. You are generous beyond
measure. We thank you that we, in turn, can be generous. Accept
our offering returned to you, and we ask you to help us to use it
in ways that will be pleasing to you.
Amen.**

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Prayer for others

Annette Burne

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 from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever.**

Amen.

Hymn: 228 Crown him with many crowns

Blessing**Threefold Amen**

Postlude

Pianist

Rosemary Osborne