



St Ives Uniting Church
24 November 2024
Christ the King Sunday
with the Cathedral Singers

Lighting the Christ Candle

Anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silence – Traditional – arranged
Holst/Edwards

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 133 O worship the King, all-glorious above

Responsive reading: Psalm 93

¹ The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

² Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.

³ The seas have lifted up, Lord,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—
the Lord on high is mighty.

⁵ Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house
for endless days.

Prayer of confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace, "Your sins are forgiven"

Thanks be to God

Anthem: King of glory, King of peace – Words: George Herbert, Music : J.S.Bach arr W.H. Harris

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Hymn: 430 Your words to me

Bible reading

John 18:33-37

John Huckson

³³ Pilate 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?"

³⁶ Jesus 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."

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 276 There's a light upon the mountains

Bible reading

Revelation 1:4-8

Jenny Huckson

⁴ John,

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, ⁵ and 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, ⁶ and 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.”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 279 The king of glory comes

Sermon – Grace and peace

Hymn: 216 Rejoice, the Lord is king

Offering and prayer

Offering response: 93 Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer

Hymn: 315 Mine eyes have seen the glory

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Anthem: Gaelic Blessing - Words adapted from Gaelic, Music - John Rutter

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham

