



ELDERS' SERVICE

Sunday November 25th 2018
Reign of Christ Sunday

Notices and Welcome		Lawrence Peak
Introduction		Caroline Turner
Call to Worship		
Prayer of Invocation		
Hymn 207	Jesus shall reign	<i>"Warrington"</i>
Poem	"You Say"	Seng Eng Low
Responsive Reading		Ross Lorenz

The Supremacy of the Son of God (Colossians Chapter 1 Verses 15 – 23)

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour.

But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation

if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. **Amen**

For the family "Jesus, the game changer" Lawrence Peak

Young people's blessing and the Passing of the Peace

The peace of God be with you all
And also with you.

Please share the peace with your immediate neighbours.

First Lesson Revelation 1 Verses 4b – 8 Pam Tickell

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second Lesson John 18 Verses 33 – 37 Hazel Ruskin

Re-Dedication and Blessing of Elders

Geoff Dornan

Introduction

The minister says

There are diverse gifts;
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God:
but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through people in different ways:
**but it is the same God
 whose purpose is achieved through them all.**

Each one of us is given a gift by the Spirit:
and there is no gift without its corresponding service.

There is one ministry of Christ:
and in this ministry we all share.

Together we are the body of Christ:
and individually members of it.

Presentation

Chair of Church Council says

On behalf of the people of this congregation,
 I present the following persons to serve as elders

The ministry of Elder is one of spiritual oversight,
 and may also be exercised in pastoral visitation,
 teaching, encouraging members of the Congregation to
 share in mission, and assisting the Minister in leadership
 of worship and administration of the sacraments.

Elders who serve on the Church Council have a particular responsibility to ensure that such matters have priority in the work of the Church Council.

Vows

The minister asks

Do you confess anew Jesus Christ as Lord?

I do.

Do you believe that you are called by God through the church to this ministry?

I do.

Being guided by The Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia, will you live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic church?

With God's help I will.

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to carry out the duties of your office?

I do.

The people stand and the minister says

Will you, the members of this congregation, support these brothers and sisters in their eldership?

We will.

Will you encourage them in love,
serving with them the one Lord Jesus Christ?

We will.

May God give you strength to fulfil your
calling, and to him be the glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus

Amen.

Choral Blessing May the feet of God walk with you. (TIS 779)

May the feet of God walk with you,
And his hand hold you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you,
And his ear hear your cry.
May the smile of God be for you,
And his breath give you life.
May the child of God grow in you,
And his love bring you home.

Hymn 224 All hail the power of Jesus' name "*Diadem*"

Benediction Caroline Turner

Threefold Amen

Musical Postlude Marche "King of Glory" Guilmant

Organist Tony Ireland