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Christ the King Church, Kalaw, Myanmar

The Reign of Christ

21 November 2021

Online Resource for Morning Prayer 10.30 am

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*The Anglican Parish of Gisborne acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land,
the peoples of the Kulin Nations,
and we pay our respects to their elders, living, past and emerging.
We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.*

The Parish of Gisborne is committed to being a Child Safe organisation.

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who joins us for worship. Although online and partly prerecorded, please join us at www.bit.ly/GisborneAnglicanVMT on line (via Zoom) Sunday 10.30 am or Wednesday 10 am. This worship service is available on the Parish Website Saturday afternoon. www.anglicanparishgisborne.org.au

The Reign of Christ

One of the joys of bringing the Church year to a close is knowing that we do live under the reign of Christ, yet, there is still more to come. Shortly, as we enter into the Advent season, we will again visit the readings prophesying the birth of Jesus and also his return.

To live in the reign of Christ allows us to accept and be part of the kingdom. To be part of a community is to carry the rule of Christ in our lives. We also are called to reflect our love towards our neighbours. We are called to love our neighbours, respecting their journey. We are also bound to speak out against injustice, advocate change for the marginalised, and seek the common good.

In our broader community, at present, there is much being made of 'individual freedom' and 'free will.' Therein lies a lengthy philosophical debate about whether there is genuine 'Liberty' as put forward by J.S Mill or accepting that each decision we make has consequences.

Free will or self-determination aside, all actions have consequences. How we arrive at the decisions is usually informed by our past and experiences. Our choices can also impact the lives of others.

There is no place for bullying, coercion or personal demonisation in a civil community, let alone in a Parish. Under the reign of Christ, we are to seek to live together in a community of love, forgiving, encouraging, and enabling others to be their best. Anything less is not the way of Christ.

Today's worship:

The Reign of Christ	2 Samuel 23.1-7 Revelation 1.4b-8	Psalm 93 John 18.33-37
ADVENT 1	Jeremiah 33.14-16 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13	Psalm 25.1-9 Luke 21.25-36

Parish Fire Policy.

If a code red day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a Saturday or Sunday, then please note that all services and parish activities will be cancelled on that day. This policy will also apply during the week and to all our centres. For other fire danger ratings, it is important that everyone follows their own fire plan. Your own fire plan must always take precedence – even if you are on a rostered duty.

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Gathering

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We gather together virtually in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

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

Lord God,

we have sinned against you;

we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrong-doing and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us

and restore us to the joy of your salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,

for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

and in our song will we praise our God.

Collect

Let us pray.

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord,
the wills of thy faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may of thee be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

As we prepare to hear God's holy word through the scriptures,
open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.

A reading from the second book of the prophet Samuel.

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory

Psalm 93

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.
The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the Lord!
Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, for evermore.

A reading from the Revelation to St John

Revelation 1.4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the
earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to
be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and domin-
ion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and
who is to come, the Almighty.

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 18.33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

Rev'd Dennis Webster

Music for Reflection

The Ministry of Prayer

Let us pray for the world and the Church.

The response to "Christ who reigns from the cross" is
hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our King,
as we pray together:

**Confirm, O God, the work you have done in us,
and preserve in the hearts of your people
the gifts of the Holy Spirit,
that they may not be ashamed
to acknowledge Christ crucified,
but may carry out his commandments
with unfailing love.**

This we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence is kept for a while.

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

Notices

Blessed are you, Lord our God.
How sweet are your words to the taste,
sweeter than honey to the mouth.
How precious are your commands for our life,
more than the finest gold in our hands.
How marvellous is your will for the world,
unending is your love for the nations.
Our voices shall sing of your promises
and our lips declare your praise
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Great Shepherd of your people,
bless Debra, called to priesthood in your Church
Fire her heart with passion for your word
and care for your people,
that she may joyfully proclaim your gospel,
and faithfully minister your sacraments.
Guide her in her prayer and study,
that she may be discerning and a loving pastor,
enabling all to minister to the glory of your name
and the benefit of your people and world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Christ our exalted king make you faithful
and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

from 1 John 1

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Wednesday 24 November,
10 am Communion, St Paul's Gisborne
Sunday 28th November, 2021 10 am
Church of the Resurrection

ADVENT SUNDAY

First Eucharist of
the Rev'd Debra Saffrey-Collins

Streaming Link for Debra's Ordination

Sadly the numbers able to attend Debra's Ordination to the Order of Priests at the Cathedral next Saturday are still very limited due to the COVID guidelines.

Debra would like to invite you to continue to pray for her and all the ordinands as they complete the last of their preparation, and to share with her in this very special occasion by using the following streaming link to St Paul's Cathedral

<https://youtu.be/jeqqZwkor8w>

The service begins at 10.30am Australian AEDT on Saturday 27 November. You will also be able to use the same link at a later date to watch the service at a time that suits you if you prefer.

You will also be able to find the link to the service booklet on the day on the Cathedral website:

[cathedral.org.au](https://www.cathedral.org.au)

Debra's First Eucharist

Debra invites you to join her on Sunday 28th November at the Church of the Resurrection as she celebrates her first Eucharist. The service will begin at 10am.