CHRIST THE KING (34th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

24TH NOVEMBER 2024





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Preparing for Today's Eucharist

Gospel: Jesus Before Pilate (John 18:33–37)

In John 18:33–37, Jesus stands before Pilate, accused by Jewish leaders of claiming to be "King of the Jews." Though they do not realise it, this claim is true. Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world, challenging Pilate to pursue truth. Despite finding Jesus innocent three times, Pilate hesitates, asking, "What is truth?" while facing Truth himself. Ironically, Pilate seats Jesus on the judgment seat, robed and crowned, symbolising his true kingship. This moment reveals a deeper reality: Jesus reigns as the true king and judge, even in his apparent vulnerability. By rejecting Jesus and declaring "We have no king but Caesar," the Jewish authorities deny their own faith's foundation, which places God as their king. John's narrative emphasizes not just Jesus' suffering, but his ultimate triumph, as he completes his mission and entrusts his Spirit to the newly forming Christian community.

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

- 1. What sort of kingship is Jesus hinting at here? In which kingdom is Jesus king? What does this mean for you personally?
- 2. What is the truth Jesus came into the world to speak about?
- 3. How do you listen to Jesus? How much priority do you give to this in your daily life?

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please all stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 819

SIGN OF THE CROSS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

GREETING

The Lord be with you. And also with you!

ST PETER'S PARISH PRAYER

Let us pray:

Almighty and Everlasting God, who has gathered us at St. Peter's to worship you in the beauty of Anglican liturgy, grant that we may nurture faith in our diverse community and share your love with all people. May we serve with compassion and grace, reflecting your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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.

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." Jesus said: "This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself."

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Today the feast of Christ our King brings us to the end of the liturgical year. We have travelled a long road since the first Sunday of Advent. Christ has been on that road with us as the invisible Companion of our journey. Let us hope that during it we have grown to know him better, to trust him better, and to love him better, so that today we can rejoice in calling him our King. (*Pause*).

Christ's kingdom is a very special kingdom. It calls for special qualities. Let us prepare to welcome Jesus in word and sacrament by first calling to mind our sins and asking the Lord for pardon and mercy.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (THE HYMN OF PRAISE)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY / COLLECT

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated for the reading

FIRST READING

The prophet Daniel foresees in a vision the coming of one who will have dominion over all peoples. That person is Christ.

A reading from the Prophet Daniel 7:9-10,13-14.

As I watched,

thrones were set in place,

and an Ancient One took his throne;

his clothing was white as snow,

and the hair of his head like pure wool;

his throne was fiery flames,

and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued

and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousand served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgement,

and the books were opened.

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

PSALM 93 APBA

 The Lord is king, and has put on robes of glory: the Lord has put on his glory, he has girded himself with strength.
 2 He has made the world so firm: that it cannot be moved.
 3 Your throne is established from of old: you are from everlasting.
 4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice: the floods lift up their pounding.

5 But mightier than the sound of many waters, than the mighty waters or the breakers of the sea: the Lord on high is mighty.

6 Your decrees are very sure: and holiness, O Lord, adorns your house for ever.

SECOND READING

The risen Christ is the ruler of all the earth. But it is only at the end of time that he will take full possession of his kingdom.

A reading from the Book of Revelation. 1:4-8

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 dominion 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.

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

Gradual Hymn 789 vs 1-3

GOSPEL (Please stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Ancestor; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! (*cf. Mark 11:9-10*)

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John 18:33-37.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then 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."

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

GRADUAL HYMN 789 vs4-6

SERMON

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ. We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both divine and human. God, of the being of the Father, the only Son from before time began; human from the being of his mother, born in the world; fully God and fully human; human in both mind and body. As God he is equal to the Father, as human he is less than the Father. Although he is both divine and human, he is not two beings but one Christ. One, not by turning God into flesh, but by taking humanity into God; truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead, but by being one person. For as mind and body form one human being so the one Christ is both divine and human.

The Word became flesh and lived among us; we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

from the Athanasian Creed

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

please kneel/sit

Let us pray that God's kingdom may come and that his will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

(At the end of each section) Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Conclude the prayer with:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers:

Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

[Let us pray.]

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE PEACE

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. (*Luke 19:38*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please all stand

OFFERTORY HYMN 225

The offering is collected during the hymn. The gifts of the people, Bread and Wine and collection of money, are brought to the Lord's Table.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation: Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (ORDINARY TIME)

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 always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever-living 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.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

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

Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, 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.'

(Let us proclaim the mystery of faith)

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 Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray, each in our preferred language:

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.

BREAKING THE CONSECRATED BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

God invites everyone to gather around his table. We extend an invitation to all baptised Christians to come forward and receive this Holy Sacrament. Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing arms over chest.

DURING COMMUNION: 373 tune 217(i)

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you. And also with you!

God the Father who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord;

God the Son who is our great high priest passed into the heavens plead for you at the right hand of the Father;

God the Holy Spirit who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church make you faithful servants of Christ our King;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

DISMISSAL HYMN 228 VS 1, 5, 6



Parish Link Notices & Information Christ the King Sunday

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St Peter's, 1038 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Vicar: Rev'd Victor Fan

Years Mind

Marjorie Walker, Colin Boulter, Perry Dunstan, Blanche Chapman, and Stanley Marshall, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayers for the Church

The Anglican Church of South America (Bp Brian Williams); Parish of St Alban the Martyr St Albans (Incumbency vacant); The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People); Deacons' Ministry; Pastoral services: St Thomas' Burwood (Bp Kate Prowd); St Luke's Cockatoo (Bp Paul Barker).

Prayer of the Week

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

Daily Readings

Monday	Revelation 14.1-5	Ps 24.1-6	Luke 21.1-4
Tuesday	Revelation 14.14-19	Ps 96.9-13	Luke 21.5-11
Wednesday	Revelation 15.1-4	Ps 98	Luke 21.12-19
Thursday	Revelation 18.1-2, 18.21-19.9a	Ps 100	Luke 21.20-28
Friday	Revelation 20.1-4, 20.11-21.2	Ps 84.1-7	Luke 21.29-33
Saturday	Revelation 22.1-7	Ps 95.1-7	Luke 21.34-36
Sunday	Jeremiah 33.14-16	Ps 25.1-10	Luke 21.25-38

ABM Pew Reflections

Truth can be in short supply when self-interested political leaders are in charge. Jesus, in his trial before Pilate, indicates that his mission is grounded in truth. Those who belong to this truth listen to Jesus and are his followers. Pilate and his cynical ways are in the world of earthly power, a world far removed from seeking truth. • Pray for the leaders of our nations. That they seek truth and the values of God's kingdom above all and work for the common good. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING

1.30pm November 27 in the Undercroft. This will be the AGM so please attend if you are able.

There will be a lunch at Box Hill RSL on Wednesday, December 4. Contact Jan if you would like to attend. 0425 757 778.



SERVICE AT ST AIDAN'S November 24

There will be a service of compline at **6 pm at St Aidan's** for Christ the King Sunday. It will be followed by a shared pizza dinner. It marks the end of this church year and prepares us for the new year. All are welcome to attend.

THE PARISH AGM November 24

Please come along to the meeting directly after the 9.30am service. The report pack is available and has been sent out with the weekly email. It is full of information about what has been happening in our church this year. Please take a copy of the reports which is available at the back of the church if you need it.

DONATED GIFTS and FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Food Ideas: Biscuits: savoury or sweet (180- 250g) / Chocolates/Sweets (120-375g) / Christmas Cakes (250-500g) / Christmas Pudding (250-500g) / Tinned Ham/Meat (220–340g) / Tinned Fruit (400–825g) / Mince Pies / Long Life Custard / Long Life Cordial, Fruit Juice, Soft drinks, Jelly sachets / Long Life Milk-Full Cream (1Lt) / Pasta (500g) / Pasta Sauce (500g) / Spreads (220-500g): Honey, Jam, Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Cranberry Sauce / Breakfast Cereals (500g-1.2kg) / Sugar (500g-1kg) / Canned Soups / Tinned Tuna (90g-425g) / Tinned Meals - Chunky / Coffee (50 or 100 g) / Instant Noodles / Plain Flour (500g) / Tinned Vegetables (400g) / Nut Bars

Also, **Christmas presents (unwrapped) are wanted**. Vouchers for children or adults are also requested.

Please note: the last Sunday to bring presents and Christmas food is Dec 9.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE

Christian One-Liners

- Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.
- It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.
- When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
- Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.
- If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
- God himself does not propose to judge a person until they are dead, so why should you?
- Some minds are like concrete thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
- Peace starts with a smile.

THE HOLIDAY CAMP



THE HOLIDAY CAMP FOR ENTHUSIASTIC CHRISTIANS IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

NOTE THAT IT IS FLAT

ONE SUSPECTS THAT OUTLANDISH THEORIES ARE BEING PROPOGATED

EARTH



NO ONE IS QUITE SURE WHAT GOES ON INSIDE THE GIGANTIC TENT



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ROSTER	Today 24.11.24	Next week 1.12.24
SIDESPERSON	Elizabeth B	
SERVERS	Michele M, Rosemary S, Kim C	
READERS	Elizabeth B, Serena J	
INTERCESSOR	Michele M,	
COUNTING	Margaret R, Rob K	
MORNING TEA	Barbara P, Keith W, Dianne A	

OUR INFORMATION

FIRST AID KIT – Located in the office and kitchen.

TOILETS – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

WHEELCHAIR – Located near the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

FIRE & EMERGENCY – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire. OH&S – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.

Mission Statement

At St. Peter's, we celebrate Anglican liturgical worship, nurture Christian faith within our diverse community, share God's love across all communities, and serve with compassion and grace to all people. **Vision**

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach.

St Peter's is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and the worldwide Anglican Communion. St Peter's church is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE All child safety concerns must be reported to Kooyoora Professional Standards 1800 135 246

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Week Ahead

SUNDAY 24.11.24

9.30am Eucharist
10.30am Parish Meeting
11.30am Mandarin service
2.00pm Dinka service, *church*6.00pm Compline, *St Aidan's*9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

MONDAY 25.11.24

Vicar's day off 6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft* 6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *hall* 9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

TUES 26.11.24 8.30am-12.30pm Office open 9.00 onwards Parish People@Work 6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall* 9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

WED 27.11.24 9.30-11.30am Playgroup, *Kindergarten* 10.30am Eucharist 10.00-11.30am Wellways Tai Chi, *hall* 8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft* 9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

THU 28.11.24 6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall* 6.30-9.00pm Sudanese prayer group, *church* 9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

FRI 29.11.24 8.30am-12.30pm Office open 9.00-11.00pm Sudanese Bible study, *church* 9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

SAT 30.11.24

10.00am Bible Study, office
10.30am-1.30pm Sat School, U'croft, hall
12.30-3.30pm Student piano concert, church
4.00-7.15pm Student piano concert, church
7.15-8.45pm Concert supper, U'croft
9.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

SUN 1.12.24 8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist 11.30am Mandarin service 2.00pm Dinka service, *church*

For the Diary

November 24

Parish Annual General Meeting, directly after the 9.30am service

November 30

Student piano concerts: 12.30-3.30pm & 4.00-7.15pm, church 7.15-8.45pm, Undercroft

November 24

Service of Compline at St Aidan's 6pm

This week: **Tuesday** Francis Xavier, priest & missionary (d. 1552) **Wednesday** Nicholas Ferrar, deacon & man of prayer (d. 1637) **Friday** Nicholas of Myra, bishop & philanthropist (d. c.342) **Saturday** Ambrose of Milan, bishop & teacher (d. 397)

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