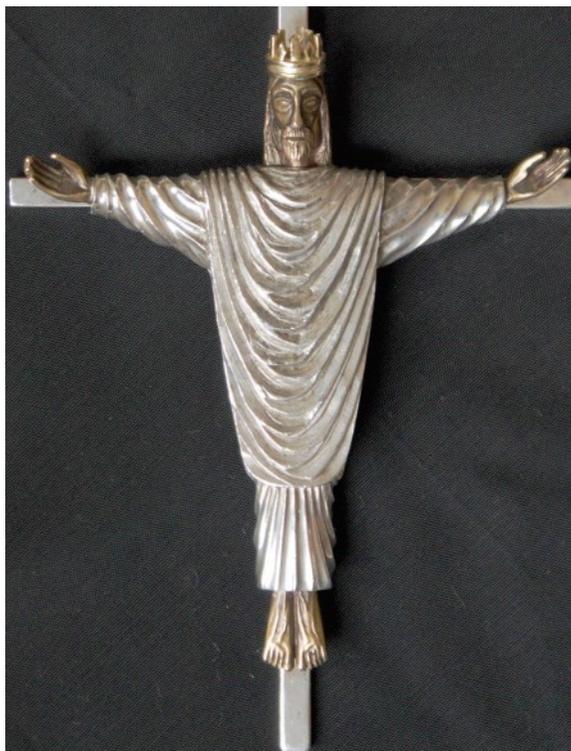


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The FEAST of CHRIST THE KING
or THE REIGN OF CHRIST

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Pectoral Cross of The Rt. Rev'd Garry Weatherill
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Morning and Evening Prayer
SECOND ORDER
A Prayer Book for Australia

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The minister reads one or more of sentences of Scripture.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

Mark 11.9,10

The Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his
people the blessing of peace.

Psalms 29.9b,10

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

Matthew 28.18,19

These or similar responses are used.

Open our lips, O Lord,
and we shall declare your praise.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn of praise

1. **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
2. **For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice;**
3. **people and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**
4. **Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest;
and all who suffer want are blessed.**

5. **Where he displays his healing power
death and the curse are known no more;
in him the tribes of Adam boast
more blessings than their father lost.**
6. **Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long amen.**

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Isaac Watts 1674–1748 alt.*

The minister continues in these or similar words.

Friends in Christ, today as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, the annual cycle of the Church's year comes to its end. Each year we begin with the hope of the coming Messiah and we end with the proclamation of that Messiah's (or Christ's) universal sovereignty.

The ascension of Christ reveals him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes.

The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle once more begins.

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

One or more of these or other suitable sentences of Scripture may be read.

Jesus says,

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Matthew 4.17

Silence may be kept

The minister continues

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together,

**O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name, Lord God almighty.**

**In our sinfulness
we cry to you to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The minister stands and declares God's forgiveness

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom
that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand. The minister says

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His steadfast love endures for ever!

The minister greets the people, who may greet one another.

Grace and peace be with you
and also with you.

A hymn or song of praise and thanksgiving follows.

- 1. You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**
- 2. Our God rules on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our king.**
- 3. Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

4. **Then let us adore, and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

Charles Wesley 1707–88 alt.
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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The minister offers this prayer, in preparation for the reading and teaching of the Scriptures.

Heavenly Father,
give us wisdom and understanding.
As we listen to your Word,
may we know you better,
love you more,
and learn to please you in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The first Reading, from the Old Testament, or as appropriate.

A Reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah [23. 1-6]

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called:

‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

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

The Psalm(s) of the day are said or sung here

The Cantic—Benedictus (*The Song of Zechariah*) (Lk 1. 68-79)

1. **Now bless the God of Israel
who comes in love and power,
who raises from the royal house
deliv'rance in this hour.
Through holy prophets God has sworn
to free us from alarm,
to save us from the heavy hand
of all who wish us harm.**
2. **Remembering the covenant,
God rescues us from fear,
that we might serve in holiness
and peace from year to year.
And you, my child, shall go before,
to preach, to prophesy,
that all may know the tender love,
the grace of God most high.**
3. **In tender mercy, God will send
the dayspring from on high,
our rising sun, the light of life
for those who sit and sigh.
God comes to guide our way to peace,
that death shall reign no more.
Sing praises to the Holy One!
O worship and adore!**

Ruth Duck
tune: Ellacombe

A Reading or readings from the New Testament.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or

powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

The Canticle, The Song of the Church.

1. **We praise, we worship you, O God,
your sovereign power we sound abroad;
all nations bow before your throne,
and you the Lord eternal own.**
2. **Loud hallelujahs to your name
the angels and all hosts proclaim;
by all the powers and thrones in heaven
unceasing praise to you is given.**
3. **O holy, holy, holy Lord,
the God of hosts, by all adored,
through heaven and earth your creatures see
the glory of your majesty.**
4. **Apostles join the glorious throng
and swell the loud triumphant song;
enraptured prophets hear the sound
and spread the hallelujahs round.**
5. **Victorious martyrs join their praise
and shout the omnipotence of grace,
while all the church throughout the earth
acknowledge and extol your worth.**
6. **Glory to you, O God most high!
Father, we praise your majesty:
the Son, the Spirit we adore
Creator, Saviour, Comforter.**

From an ancient Christian hymn ?4th cent,
tr. anon. in Philip Gell's *A Church Hymn Book* 1815 *alt.*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke [23. 33-43]

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

***Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.***

Taizé (Luke 23.42)

The Sermon is preached here or later.

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The minister says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave 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.**

The minister continues

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,
let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care,
and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and your truth,
that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.
Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for we put our trust in you.

The Collect of the Day

Eternal God,
you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things,
and have made us instruments of his kingdom:
by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved,
and to minister to all in need,
then at the last bring us to your eternal realm
where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy
and may worship and adore you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Minister may continue

Let us with confidence present our prayers and supplications to the throne of grace.

We pray for all those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people.

May your reign come;

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church, the sign of your reign, that it may extend your welcome to people of every race and background.

May your kingdom come;

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Christians of every denomination, that together we may come to understand the royal priesthood you bestowed on us in baptism.

May your dominion come;

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure.

May your rule come;

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for this community of faith, that attentive to your word we may always worship in spirit and in truth.

May your reign come;

Lord, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Loving God,
you have taught us that the power of the heart
is greater than the power of wealth and might.
Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign.

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our King;
to him be glory and power for ever. Amen.**

From the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers,
and you have promised that when two or three ask together
in your name you will grant their requests.

Fulfil now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us.
Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth
and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Notices and other announcements may be made (see note 3).

1. **From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.**

***This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.***

2. **There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours', he said.**

This is our God, the Servant King ...

3. **Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.**

This is our God, the Servant King ...

4. **So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.**

This is our God, the Servant King ...

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The collection may be presented in silence, or the following or another, suitable prayer may be used.

Blessed 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 following prayer is said,

Eternal God and Father,
**by whose power we are created,
and by whose love we are redeemed:
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love to one another
and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The minister says

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

Local Annual Meeting

The minister says

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