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Pectoral Cross of The Rt. Rev'd Garry Weatherill modelled on the Christus Rex sculptured by Voitre Marek 1966 for St. Barnabas Theological College Chapel, Belair S.A.

20th November 2022

8.00am Eucharist at St. George's, Taminick

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Sentence

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9. 9

Acclamation

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 'Who is the King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.' Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

Welcome & Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. And also with you.

Hymn TiS 245, tune Fulda

- 1. We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for all throughout the earth; the gospel of a Saviour's name: we sing his glory, tell his worth.
- 2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem not in a royal house or hall but in a stable dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.

- 3. Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save, in lonely suffering on the cross, for all he loved his life he gave.
- 4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn; empty the tomb, for he was free: he broke the power of death and hell that we might share his victory.
- Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified. He sends his Spirit on his church to live for him, the Lamb who died.
- 6. Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. This gospel-message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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Invitation to Confession

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 Matt 3. 2

Pause for thought

Let us pray

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.

cf Isaiah 6

Absolution

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

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 Collect

Let us pray

The community may pray silently

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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophet 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 Canticle—Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) (Luke 1. 68-79)

 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.
- 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 from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians [1. 11-20]

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

Please stand

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

Taizé (Luke 23.42)

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [23. 33-43] GLORY TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

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.'

> For the Gospel of the Lord PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sermon —followed by a time of silence for reflection

Let us together affirm our faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray

Jesus, first-born of all creation, you are righteous and merciful and answer when we call on you: hear our prayers for the world the church.

We give you thanks and praise that through you and for you creation was made: we pray for the peoples of the world.

Remember, Jesus, those in positions of responsibility in every land; those who suffer poverty, starvation and disease;

those who endure torture, imprisonment or exile from their homes. Jesus, for the peace of the world, rule our hearts and wills;

Jesus, come into your kingdom.

We give you thanks and praise that through you we are rescued from the power of sin: we pray for your worldwide church.

Remember, Jesus, those who suffer persecution for their faith; those who worship and minister in this parish;

those who are teachers, pastors and priests to your people. Jesus, for the salvation of the world, rule our hearts and wills:

Jesus, come into your kingdom.

We give you thanks and praise that in you the love of God is seen to dwell:

we pray for this community.

Remember, Jesus, those on the fringes, the forgotten and the unwanted;

those without work and those whose work is not valued;

those whom we love, our families, our friends and ourselves.

Jesus, for the reconciliation of your people, rule our hearts and wills; Jesus, come into your kingdom.

We give you thanks and praise that in you we see the compassionate heart of God: we pray for all who are in need.

Remember, Jesus, those in loneliness, grief or despair;

those in sickness or pain, and all who will die this day;

those who bring comfort, hope and care to others.

Jesus, for the healing of your people, rule our hearts and wills; Jesus, come into your kingdom.

We give you thanks and praise that for us you have broken the bonds of death. We remember all who have died in your love:

those whose lives have been faithful and true;

those who have not known or believed in you;

those from this parish and all whom we have loved.

Especially remembering Dot Adams.

Help us to follow in the footsteps of your saints and, when we fail you, forgive us, that, when the deep night of death is past and morning dawns, we shall be with you and all your saints in Paradise. Jesus, first-born from the dead, rule our hearts and wills;

Jesus, come into your kingdom.

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.

Please stand

THE GREETING OF PEACE

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

cf Colossians 3.14, 15

The peace of Christ our king be always with you. And also with you.

Offertory Hymn TiS 221, tune, Moscow

- 1. Glory to God on high! Let heaven and earth reply, 'Praise, praise his name!' Angels his love adore who all our sorrows bore, and saints cry evermore, 'Worthy the Lamb!'
- 2. All those around the throne cheerfully join in one, praising his name; we, who have felt his blood sealing our peace with God, sound his dear fame abroad, 'Worthy the Lamb!'
- 3. Join, all the ransomed race, our Lord and God to bless: praise, praise his name; in him we will rejoice, making a cheerful noise, shouting with heart and voice, 'Worthy the Lamb!'
- 4. Though we must change our place, yet we shall never cease praising his name; to him we'll tribute bring, hail him our gracious King, and without ceasing sing, 'Worthy the Lamb!'

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Offertory Prayer

Blessed be God, who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms. May we feed upon the bread of God and drink the royal wine of heaven.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, to be our great high priest and king of all creation. As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the cross and redeemed the human race by

this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,

that he may bring before your infinite majesty

a kingdom of truth and life,

a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Lock with foreur on your needle

Look with favour on your people,

gather us in your loving arms

and bring us with all the saints

to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

we worship you, Father eternal,

in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread: so may your Church be gathered

from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Communion Anthem

Father, we adore You, Lay our lives before You, How we love You.

Jesus, we adore You, Lay our lives before You, How we love You.

Spirit, we adore You, Lay our lives before You, How we love You.

Words and music: Terrye Coelho (b 1952)

Post Communion

You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ, and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread.

Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your royal presence, we may walk with you all the days of our life,

and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Notices

Hymn TiS 256, tune, Servant King

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.

- 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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Blessing & Dismissal

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

Amen.

God the Son,

who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,

who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

AMEN.

Local Annual Meeting

Dismissal

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







