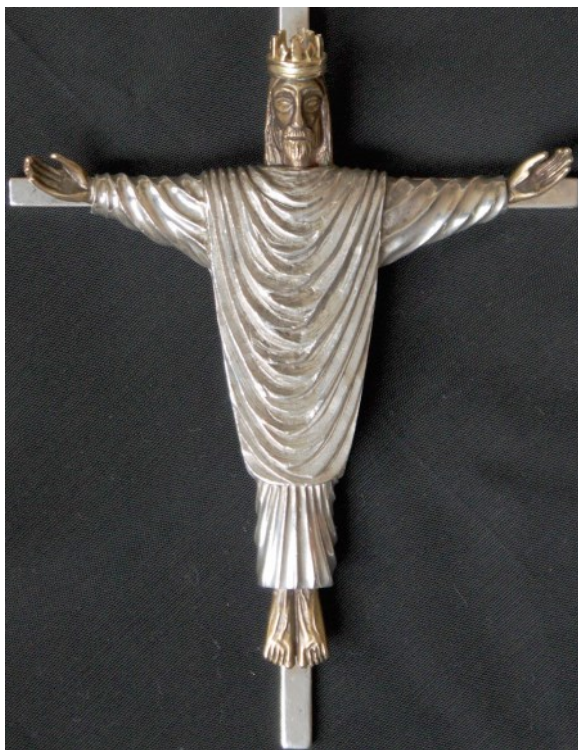




Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta
Parochial District of
Wangaratta West & The Warbys

The FEAST of CHRIST THE KING or THE REIGN OF CHRIST



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.

Stewardship Thanksgiving Sunday

Eucharist, 26th November 2023,
9.30am & 11.00am

The Feast of Christ the King

Christ the King is a title of Jesus based on several passages of Scripture and, in general, used by all Christians. Many denominations, including Catholics, Anglicans, Presbyterians, and some Lutherans and Methodists, celebrate, in honour of Christ under this title, the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, before a new year begins with the First Sunday of Advent.

The ideological movement of Christ's Kingship was addressed in the encyclical [Quas Primas](#) (*In the first*) of Pope Pius XI, published in 1925, which has been called "possibly one of the most misunderstood and ignored encyclicals of all time." The Pontiff's encyclical quotes with approval Cyril of Alexandria, noting that Jesus' Kingship is not obtained by violence: "'Christ,' he says, 'has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, but his by essence and by nature.'"

Originally the title of the feast was "Domini Nostri Jesu Christi Regis" (Our Lord Jesus Christ the King), and the date was "the last Sunday of the month of October - the Sunday, that is, which immediately precedes the Feast of All Saints".

Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925 to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven as opposed to earthly supremacy, which was claimed by Benito Mussolini.

In 1969, Pope Paul VI gave the celebration a new title: "Domini Nostri Iesu Christi universorum Regis" (Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe). He also gave it a new date: the last Sunday in the liturgical year, before a new year begins with the First Sunday in Advent, (the earliest date for which is 27 November). Through this choice of date "the eschatological importance of this Sunday is made clearer". He assigned to it the highest rank, that of "Solemnity".

Pope Benedict XVI has remarked that Christ's Kingship is not based on "human power" but on loving and serving others. The perfect exemplar of that acceptance, he pointed out, is the Virgin Mary. Her humble and unconditional acceptance of God's will in her life, the Pope noted, was the reason that "God exalted her over all other creatures, and Christ crowned her Queen of heaven and earth."



Those churches also that use the Revised Common Lectionary observe Christ the King Sunday (*titled **Reign of Christ Sunday** by some*) as the last Sunday of the liturgical year, in agreement with the 1969 Roman Catholic date revision. These churches include most major Anglican and mainline Protestant groups.

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Processional Hymn—AHB 188/TiS 237. tune, Rex

1. Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

**Angels, saints and nations sing,
'Praised be Jesus Christ, our King!
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary.'**

2. King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
till in peace each nation rings
with their praises, King of kings.

Angels, saints and nations sing ...

3. King most holy, King of truth,
guide the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.

Angels, saints and nations sing ...

4. Shepherd-king, from mountains steep,
homeward bring the wandering sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.

Angels, saints and nations sing ...

Patrick Brennan 1877–1951 alt.

The 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.

Sentence

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with
gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

Psalms 100.1

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

Kyrie—sung or said

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

Pause for thought

Let us make our confession to the God of grace.

**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 [CW p125]

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.**

Hymn of Praise (Gloria in excelsis). tune, The Ashgrove

1. **To God be the glory, all glory in the highest
and peace to his people who dwell here below,
Our heav'nly Father, our Lord, and our sov'reign,
to you, the Almighty, our praises bestow.
We worship and adore you, we bow here before you
with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise.
All glory and honour and glad adoration
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**
2. **Lord Jesus, the only begotten of the Father
we praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb.
The sin of the world you have taken upon you,
have mercy upon us, the Great I AM.
For holy, you meet us, yet lowly you greet us,
the Lord in the highest, the Holy One.
All glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
From ages everlasting, the Three in One.**

The English Folk Song Mass—Malcolm Archer

The Collect

Let us pray (*silence for reflection on the theme of the day*)

Almighty God,
you have conferred upon Christ Jesus
sovereignty over every age and nation.

Direct us, in the love of Christ,
to care for the least of his brothers and sisters,
that we may be subject to his dominion
and receive the inheritance of your kingdom.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Prophecy of Ezekiel [34. 11-16, 20-24]

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the

countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

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

Psalm is said: Left side, **Right side** - All together

Psalm 95. 1-7

O come, let us sing out to the Lord:

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:

and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth:

and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his and he made it:

his hands moulded dry land.

*Come, let us worship and bow down:
and kneel before the Lord our maker.*

*For he is the Lord our God:
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians [1. 15-23]

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Gradual Hymn: AHB 558/TiS 629. Tune, Neighbour.

1. When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

***And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?***

2. I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

And the creed and

3. I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

And the creed and

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [25. 31-46]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples]

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom

prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

6. When they put me in prison, were you there, were you there?
When they put me in prison, were you there?

***And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?***

7. Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there,
wherever you travel, I'll be there.

And the creed and

The Sermon

A time of silence, for reflection, follows the sermon.

The Affirmation of Faith.

Let us together affirm our faith.

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith: receive the prayers we offer.

Christ, we confess you as King of kings and Lord of lords;
come, rule in our hearts and claim us as part of your kingdom.
We seek to dedicate our lives to you and to your glory.
We pray for all who are working for the bringing in of your kingdom,
for those striving for justice, peace and freedom,
for all relief agencies and bringers of aid.

Lord, we seek to do your will.

Your kingdom come in us as it is in heaven.

We pray for rulers of peoples, for leaders of nations,
that they may govern with gentleness and integrity.
We remember all who suffer from injustice.
We pray for the scorned and rejected people of our world,
for all who have lost their freedom,
for all who are deprived of their basic rights.
We pray for the work of Amnesty International.

Lord, we seek to do your will.

Your kingdom come in us as it is in heaven.

Come, Lord, rule in our hearts.
Come Lord, rule in our homes.
Come, Lord, rule in our lives.
Come, Lord, and transform your people.

Lord, we seek to do your will.

Your kingdom come in us as it is in heaven.

We pray for all who are struggling,
for all who cannot cope.
We remember weak people needing protection,
lost people longing for salvation.

We remember the hungry, thirsty, and naked,
the prisoners and the homeless.
We pray for friends and loved ones who are in need.
Lord, we seek to do your will.

Your kingdom come in us as it is in heaven.

Christ, O King, ruler of heaven and earth,
in you we triumph over darkness and death,
in you we have life eternal.
We pray for all our loved ones departed this life,
that they may be one with you and your saints
in your everlasting kingdom;
and that we, setting our hearts on things above,
may be raised up to where you reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever.

Lord, we seek to do your will.

Your kingdom come in us as it is in heaven.

You are the king of glory, O Christ,
you are the everlasting Son of the Father.
May your kingdom come in us on earth,
as it is in heaven, Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us 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.**

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 the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn—AHB 595/TiS 216, tune, Gopsal.

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your Lord and King adore;
let all give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, ...
3. His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart,...
4. He sits at God's right hand,
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart,...
5. Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, Rejoice!

Charles Wesley 1707–88 alt.

Offertory prayer:

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us:
our lives, our loved ones,
all that we have
and all that we are.
Most of all, we thank you for Jesus,
your Son and our Redeemer,
who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. **Amen.**

Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts,
showing that complete trust in you is necessary,
and that giving of self
is a most important part of following Him.

Accept these offerings of our time,
our talents,
and our material treasures,
made in that same spirit of sacrifice
that Jesus taught us by his life and death for us. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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.

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**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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

JJJ

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

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:

JJJ

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and 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.**

All sing or say

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

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

The Invitation to Communion is given

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

Communion Reflection, AHB 417/TiS 496. tune .

1. *Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
that holy things have taken,
let ears that now have heard your songs
to clamour never waken.*
2. *Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang
keep free from all deceiving,
the eyes which saw your love be bright,
your blessed hope perceiving.*
3. *The feet that tread your holy courts
from your light do not banish,
the bodies by your body fed
with your new life replenish.*

*Attrib. Ephraim the Syrian c. 306–73
tr. Charles William Humphreys 1840–1921
and Percy Dearmer 1867–1936 alt.*

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

After Communion Hymn—AHB 170/TiS 231. tune, Camberwell.

1. At the Name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
this the Father's pleasure
that we call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.
2. Humbled for a season,
to receive a Name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed.
3. In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him make new
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.

4. When this same Lord Jesus
shall appear again
in his Father's glory,
there with him to reign,
then may we adore him,
all before him bow,
as our hearts confess him
King of Glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel 1817-77 alt

The Blessing

To him who is able to keep you from falling,
to Christ our King and our Saviour,
be praise and glory,
majesty and power
for ever and ever;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Collect for 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.**

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