

Sunday 26th November, 2023 11.00 am

Christ the King Sunday

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Guest Organist: Mr. Donald Armour

Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 63 All people that on earth do dwell, (Psalm 100)

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the LORD is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3 Oh enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto:
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? the LORD our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 142 A small thing like a hazelnut

- 1 A small thing like a hazelnut
lay in my open hand,
and God disclosed three truths to me
that I might understand :
God made it, God loves it,
and God will always care ;
God made it, God loves it,
and God will always care for it.
- 2 I marvelled that this little thing
reveals how God can be
our maker, lover, keeper, now
and for eternity !
God made you, God loves you,
and God will always care ;
God made you, God loves you,
and God will always care for you !
- 3 Until my heart is one with God,
its aching will not cease,
and so I rest, held close by God,
these three truths bringing peace :
God made me, God loves me,
and God will always care ;
God made me, God loves me,
and God will always care for me !

Rae E. Whitney (b. 1927)

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Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Hymn 462 The King of Love my Shepherd is,

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

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Ephesians 1:15-23
St. Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.**

Hymn 192 All my hope on God is founded,

- 1 All my hope on God is founded;
all my trust he will renew.
safe through change and chance he guides me,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.
- 2 Human pride and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray God's trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
Tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

- 3 God's great goodness lasts for ever,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light, and life attend him,
Beauty springing out of nought.

Evermore,
From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Day by day the mighty giver
showers gifts on us below;
His desire our souls delight in,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
See Love stand
At his hand;
Joy awaits at his command.

5 Still from earth to God in heaven
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call
One and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)