Sunday 22nd November 2026
Christ the King Sunday
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Guest Organist: Sheena Crichton
Musical Director: Mr. Alan A. Craig, M.B.E., B.Mus., P.G.C.E.

Welcome & Intimations

- The **Sunday School** will meet in **Room 2 today**.
- Please ensure all **mobile phones ☎ are switched off or in silent mode** during the Service.
- **Please place your offering in the Offering Plates** as these are uplifted during the Service.
- **LODGING HOUSE MISSION CHRISTMAS CARDS** –These will be available today **in the Hall of Fellowship**. We will also be happy to accept monetary donations which help to offset the cost of meals which the Lodging House Mission provides on a daily basis to homeless people.
- **Tickets** are also available in the Hall of Fellowship today from members of the Fund Raising group **for the Taylor Fashions Evening on Monday 7th December in the Springfield Hall at 6.30 for 7pm.** Tickets are **£7** which includes a welcome drink. This is a good opportunity to stock up on Christmas presents/outfits. Brian Taylor makes this a very entertaining evening and there is no obligation to purchase any of the clothes available. **Tickets** for the **Advent Hamper** are also available at **£2.**
- **Tea and Coffee** will be available after Church **today in the Cameron Hall.**
- There will **NOT** be a **Vestry Hour** on **Wednesday 25th November, 2026 or a midweek Service.**
- The **Ticket Office** for the **Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus Christmas Concert** is open at **Cadder South Hall** on **Wednesdays and Fridays** between **10.00 am and 12 noon**.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 616 There's a spirit in the air (vv. 1,3,4,6,7)

1 There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world!'

3 When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

4 Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

6 May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

7 There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 564 Jesus love me! this I know,

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes! Jesus loves me!
Yes! Jesus loves me!
Yes! Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! this I know
he loved children long ago;
he can always make me glad
even when I'm feeling sad.
Chorus

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
he will always be my friend,
and his love will never end.
Chorus

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Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

[11] For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. [12] As shepherds seek out
their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek 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. [13] I will bring them out from the
peoples and gather them from the countries, and will 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. [14] 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. [15] I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make
them lie down, says the Lord GOD. [16] I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, 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. [21] Because
you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far
and wide, [22] I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23] I
will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their
shepherd. [24] And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have
spoken.

St. Matthew 25:31-46

31 "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. 32 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, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 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, 36 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.’ 37 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? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 40 And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,[a] you did it to me.’ 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 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.’ 44 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?’ 45 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.’ 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Hymn 544 When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?

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?
Chorus

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

4 When I needed a shelter were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there?
Chorus

5 When I needed a healer were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer were you there?
Chorus

6 Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be there,
Wherever you travel I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Thanksgiving, 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 159 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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Benediction

Choral Amen