



Order of Service
20th November 2022

Introit Hymn: Verse one, TiS 216 Rejoice the Lord is King

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!

Acknowledgement of Country

When we see the Land as the revelation of God,
**we stop thinking of ourselves (*humanity*)
as the centre of all creation.**

When we see God as the centre,
and God's creation as receiving life from God,
**we see a different pattern,
helping us to find our special place.**

This is God's Land.

Many have gone before who have
honoured God by caring for the Land,
**in the ways they have lived
and in the stories they have shared.**

We give thanks for the Yorta Yorta peoples
who have held as their sacred duty:
**protecting the Land—
and living in harmony with it.
May God bless them – now and to eternity.**
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Safe Church

Shepparton Uniting Church is a safe place for all to worship.

Greeting

We have come to worship;
we have come in the name of Christ the King.
The joy of the Lord Jesus be with you all!
And also, with you!

Today is the last Sunday in the Christian calendar year - the Festival of Christ the King.
We begin a new year in the Christian calendar next Sunday, with the first Sunday in Advent -
the time of looking forward - of making preparations to celebrate once more
the birth of Jesus Christ.



Today is the day when we are invited to stop and think about what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us, and we belong to God;

We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and the courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

And God's faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Confession

Oh Jesus,

You are the King of Glory,

You are the Lord of Lords, and King of Kings.

And we pray that your Kingdom will reign forever in our hearts and in this world.

Lord, we pray for your Kingdom to come here now,
bringing a kingdom of justice, righteousness, hope, love,
peace, mercy and grace for all.

**Lord, we ask that you rule in our hearts,
lead in this world and govern over your kingdom.**

But Lord honestly,

We often have our own plans and agendas
and we want to be rulers of our world.

Forgive us for those times.

Lord we live in a time that would rather idolize a King of Pop
than worship you.

Help us to know how to live as your Kingdom People in these times.

And Lord there are a lot of Kings in this world who terrorize, over tax, humiliate,
exploit, and abuse those they are to lead.

Help us to spread the good news of the different kind of King you are.

Lord, thank you for being a different kind of King.

Thank you for your goodness and kindness in our lives.

Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for loving us.

**Thank you for your Kingdom that is unlike any
Kingdom in this world.**

<http://revgalblogpals.blogspot.com.au/2009/11/prayer-for-christ-king-sunday.html>

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us - and redeems us!

God prepares the way for us - the way to grace, to hope, to new life.

Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.



Hymn TiS 162 Thank You For Giving me the Morning

Thank you for giving me the morning,
thank you for every day that's new,
thank you that all my hurts and troubles
I can take to you.

Thank you for all my friends and helpers,
thank you for people everywhere,
thank you for showing me Lord Jesus
how to help and care.

Thank you for times of working, playing,
thank you for all that I can do,
thank you for all that's bright and cheerful,
and for music too.

Thank you for comfort in my sadness,
thank you for all who understand,
thank you that your hand holds and leads me,
everywhere I am.

Thank you for speaking to me, Jesus,
thank you for meeting with me here,
thank you, because you love all people,
Those both far and near.

Thank you that you're so good and loving,
thank you that I am filled with you,
Thank you, you made me feel so glad and
thankful as I do.

Family time

We have a perception of the word King being a label for a person with a position of ultimate authority or power. Today, we recognise that Jesus' authority is different – Jesus serves others; guides them to the freedom of following him.

Reading: Luke 23: 33 – 43

(In a reading we feel should remain sitting in Easter time, we find these words

"If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

"This is the King of the Jews."

"remember me when you come into your kingdom")

33When 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. 34Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35And 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!" 36The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." 39One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Hymn: TiS 730 Jesus Remember me

Jesus remember me
When you come into your kingdom.
Jesus remember me
When you come into your kingdom.

Jesus remember me
When you come into your kingdom.
Jesus remember me
When you come into your kingdom.



A Reflection On Christ the King Sunday by Rev. Mindi (see below)

We know that we participate in the reign of God here and now in our love and care for one another. The work for justice in this world is kin-dom building work. When we minister to one another out of an attitude of gratitude, we are living into God's ways. This world that we have made, a world where empire reigns, a world where pursuit of power—politics, wealth, notoriety, even religious power—is a world with its own set of measures for success. These ways are not God's ways. In the reign of God, whoever wishes to be first must become last of all and servant of all. Whoever thinks they are first are actually last. Whoever wishes to enter the reign of God must do so like a child, and must welcome the ones the reign of God belongs—the children, the ones ignored and marginalized, the most vulnerable in our society. Gratitude is a way of participating here and now in Christ's reign, as we pray for it to come and for Christ's will to be done.

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Hymn: TiS 609 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

1 May the mind of Christ my Saviour,
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.

2 May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.

3 May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,

that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

4 May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self denying,
this is victory.

5 May I run the race before me
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

Announcements

Offering

Offering prayer

**Generous God,
in our giving and our living
we respond to your blessings freely given.**

**By your Spirit enable us
to hear those who cry out for mercy,
to serve them in the way of Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen**

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Prayers of the People

*As we pray this prayer let us take a moment to reflect and pray on the words we hear,
before we pray our response aloud.*



May Your Kingdom Come

May your Kingdom come soon.
May your will be done here on earth,
just as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10

Into places of conflict
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of the terrorist
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of the soldier
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of the politician
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of one bereaved by war
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of one made hungry
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of one made homeless
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of one who is in despair
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of one who is ill
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of one who has been abused
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of one who is addicted
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of one who is faced with unpayable debt
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of the lonely
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of the fearful
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of the depressed
may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of the grieving



may Your Kingdom come.

Into the heart of one we wish to pray for...

may Your Kingdom come.

Pause for your silent prayer for the one or ones you wish to pray for...

Into the heart of our world.

may Your Kingdom come.

FOUND AT: <http://re-worship.blogspot.com.au/search/label/Proper%2029%20B>

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The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Sending

Remain inspired for the week ahead:
inspired to live Jesus' teachings
so others may be inspired through you.

Blessing

The peace of God,
which goes beyond all our understanding,
nurture your hearts
in the knowledge and love of God.

And the blessing of God,
the Creator, Saviour and Inspirer,
will be with you always.
Amen!

Hymn TiS 779 May the feet of God walk with you

May the feet of God walk with you,
and his hand hold you tight.

May the eye of God rest on you,
and his ear hear your cry.

May the smile of God be for you,
and his breath give you life.

May the Child of God grow in you,
and his love bring you home.

