



CHRIST THE KING

24 November 2024

HYMNS

135 All things bright & beautiful

129 Amazing grace

675 Lord the light of your love

SENTENCE

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.

COLLECT

Everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS

A reading from the second book of Samuel:

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

2 Samuel 23.1-7

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



We say the verses from Psalm 132 alternately:

Lord, remember for David all the hardships he endured;

How he swore an oath to the Lord and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

‘I will not come within the shelter of my house, nor climb up into my bed;

‘I will not allow my eyes to sleep, nor let my eyelids slumber,

‘Until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.’

Now, we heard of the ark in Ephrathah and found it in the fields of Ja-ar.

Let us enter his dwelling place and fall low before his footstool.

Arise, O Lord, into your resting place, you and the ark of your strength.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness and your faithful ones sing with joy.

For your servant David’s sake, turn not away the face of your anointed.

The Lord has sworn an oath to David, a promise from which he will not shrink:

‘Of the fruit of your body shall I set upon your throne.’

Psalm 132.1-12

A reading from the Revelation to John:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’,

says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1.4b-8

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?' After he had said this, he went out.

John 18.33-38a

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: Parish of St Alban the Martyr St Albans (Incumbency vacant); The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People); Deacons' Ministry; St Thomas' Burwood; St Luke's Cockatoo; The Anglican Church of South America (Bp Brian Williams);

For the parish: Give thanks for those who support our parish life: the Op Shop team, Maintenance Committee, the Parish Treasurer and Bookkeeper and office support, and those who contribute through rostered help at each centre. Pray that they serve in Jesus name.

For the sick & in need, and those who have ongoing need for strength, courage and peace of heart, mind and soul in their journey: Keiran & Paul, Deirdre B, John & Barbara B, Barry B, Lorraine D, John F, Nan L, Kaye M, Jane & Peter M, Janet N, Stephen P, Pauline R, Hadyn R, Jenny S, Mary & Ian S, Sharon V, Ray & Marion W and those known to us in need of our prayers

Year's Mind

24th Robert Millar (2010)

26th Phoebe Williams, Sylvia Neary (2023)

27th Mary Soames (2016), John Love (2011)

28th George Goldsworthy (1999)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

29th Megan Waddington