

Order of Service 20/11/2022 Reign of Christ

Opening verse:

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Luke 23:42

Gathering, Greeting and Call to Worship

Ian

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you

Light Candle...

Breathe...

Gather us in, Ground us in you MV07

*Gather us in, ground us in you
Gather us in, ground us in you
Gather us in, gather us in,
Ground us, ground us in you.*

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Stand for bible...

Acknowledgement of Country

Ian

Wominjeka

We acknowledge and respect
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation,
the traditional custodians of this land
since time immemorial.

We are learning that the land
is not ours to own, but to look after;
and that if we listen,
we may hear in it the calling of the eternal Spirit.

**Responding to this call, we commit ourselves
to work for justice, reconciliation,
and care of the earth.**

Welcome and Introduction

Ian

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Ian and Clare

Ian: *Our prayer today includes the words of Colossians 1:15-20 about Christ's Reign.
During it we will sing the response, Kingdom of God.*

Ian: Let us pray.

Christ our brother, our friend,
our shepherd, our King,
we praise and worship you
in justice, peace and joy.

Response: *Kingdom of God*, MV (146)

*The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom*

SONG: [The Kingdom of God](#) © 2001 Taize Community, Ateliers et Presses de Taize
from [More Voices](#) (146) United Church of Canada, Woodlake Publishing Inc.

Clare: You are the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
for in you all things
in heaven and on earth
were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or powers—
all things have been created
through you and for you.

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Clare: You yourself are before all things,
and in you all things hold together.
You are the head of the body,
the church;
you are the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
so that you might come
to have first place in everything.

*The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit
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Clare: For in you all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell,
and through you God was pleased
to reconcile to themselves all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace
through the blood of your cross.

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Ian: *Silent Confession*

Know the peace that comes
through Christ's word to us all:
Our sin is forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

With the Children – “intergenerational engagement time”

Ian

Each person is given a pen and a triangle of purple paper.

Ian introduces each bible readings and invites us to consider:

- What do we want from human leaders?
- What sort of leaders does the world need?
- What does God desire from human leaders?
- What sort of leader is Jesus?
- What do we pray for our leaders?

Write responses on paper which are then collected and arranged into the shape of a crown at the front before we sing *Jesucristo Reina*.

From the Prophets – Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ralph

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word:

Thanks be to God

The Gospel – Luke 23:33-43

Ralph and Clare

Ralph: When 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. [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And 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!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

Clare: One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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Song

Jesucristo Reina Ya, TiS 728

(Jesus Christ reigns!)

1. *Jesucristo reina, reina, ya!
Jesucristo reina, reina, ya!
Jesucristo reina, reina, ya!
Aleluya, amen! Aleluya, amen! Aleluya, amen!*

(Jesus Christ heals)

2. *Jesucristo sana, sana, ya!*

(Jesus Christ loves.)

3. *Jesucristo ama, ama, ya!*

(Jesus Christ lives.)

4. *Jesucristo viva, viva, ya!*

(Jesus Christ saves.)

5. *Jesucristo salva, salva, ya!*
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SONG: *Jesucristo Reina Ya*, Anon. (from Argentina),
from *Together in Song*, Harper Collins Religious, PUBLIC DOMAIN

Reflection

Ian

Offering with Song

Ian

All hail the power of Jesus name, TiS 224 (ii) verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

1. *All hail the power of Jesus' name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him Lord of all.*
 2. *Crown him, you martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod,
and crown him Lord of all.*
 3. *As heirs of Israel's chosen race
and ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.*
 5. *Let every tribe and every tongue
responsive to his call,
now shout in universal song
and crown him Lord of all.*
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SONG: *All hail the power*, by Edward Perronet, from
Together in Song, Harper Collins Religious; PUBLIC DOMAIN

Offering Prayer and Xmas Bowl Dedication

Ian

Australian Churches, through the Christmas Bowl,
have acted together to bring peace and hope into the world.

Help us continue to act for peace.

As children of God we will share this year's bowl
with people who are displaced, oppressed or living in poverty

May their lives be filled with hope and peace.

Gracious and ever-loving God,
Open our hearts so we may courageously act for peace in the world.
Open our hands to share what we have with those who have little.

As we dedicate this bowl

May it be filled with the fruits of hope, peace, joy and love

So all people may know your goodness and receive your grace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Peter

Notices

Ian

Sending Song

The bible regularly uses a shepherd as a metaphor for being a king, as in Psalm 23 – the Lord is my shepherd... Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me... You prepare a table before me... you anoint my head with oil... surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...

Lead Me On NCYC2007

*Though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil
While I feel your breath
Though I may stumble
And fall in disgrace
Shine your light and lead me on*

*Chorus (echoes in brackets)
(Lead me on)
Like a child (Lead me on)
Walkin' down (Lead me on)
Through the dark and shadows
Lead (Lead me on)
Lead me on (Lead me on)
Lead me to the other side*

*Surely goodness and mercy
Shall follow me
And I will live in your house
As long as life can be
Though I may stumble
And fall in disgrace
Shine your light and lead me on*

Blessing and Sending

Ian

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me, Good Shepherd;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of
the Eternal One my God
my whole life long.

Go in peace to love and serve under the Reign of Christ, in the Commonwealth of Love.

Go with the blessing of God
Source of Life,
Child of Love,
Spirit of Joy.

Amen.

Thank yous

Thank you for joining us,
and thank you to...

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Bible readers:
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Ian Ferguson

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Postlude Song: Jesus
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Closing verse:

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