

Reign of Christ Sunday, 20th November 2022

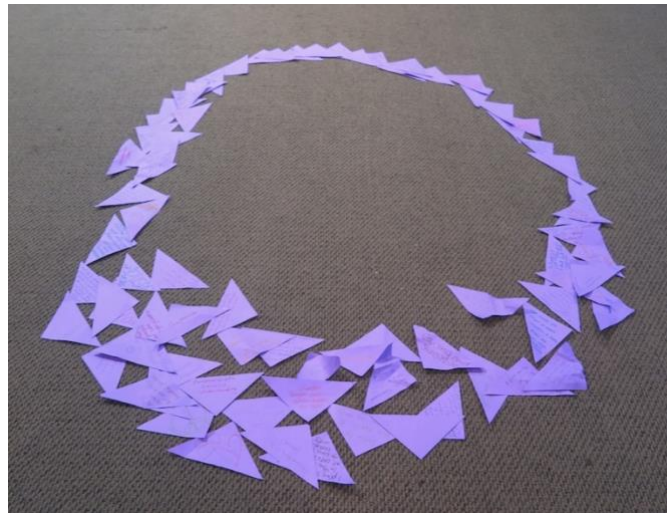
With the Children – “intergenerational engagement time”

Ian

During worship each person was given a pen and a triangle of purple paper. Ian introduced the Bible readings (Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 23:33-43) and invited us to write responses to these questions:

- 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?

The responses were then collected and arranged into the shape of a crown at the front while we sang *Jesucristo Reina*. Read the responses below. They now surround the Advent wreath.



- to make good decisions
- compassion
- self-sacrifice, compassion, leadership
- happiness
- integrity, compassion, justice, policy grounded in evidence
- evil leaders will be attended to, good leaders will ensure justice & safety
- co-operation and peace
- a vision for environmental issues
- honesty, may early leaders be compassionate, caring, justice seeking, humble
- Shepherd King – Is repair necessary? How to forgive people in power? Does truth lead to justice
- compassion, empathy, honest leadership
- attend to safety of all, soften our hearts to include all in everyday wellbeing. Amen
- justice for all
- Have the courage to always act with integrity even if it doesn't personally benefit them
- listen to the whole flock and lead them with integrity and goodness in your hearts
- hopeful integrity and enacted justice
- lead justly, with righteousness, show compassion towards all
- end the suffering of the innocent children
- peace, justice
- care, love
- not to be captive to passing political popularity and fashions, and to be capable of inspiring people to rise above their prejudices and self-interest
- May our leader lead by kindness, compassion & empathy. May their decision be shaped not by the pressure or short termed desires of others but by the desire for amore just, more equal, more loving, more kind society.
- leaders look after people, show compassion, care for all and the environment
- for people to care about the planet more
- compassion, welcome, love, peace
- God bless us
- hope, peace, love, freedom for all especially our refugee friends who come by boat. Let them stay.
- pray for leaders who with us in all our living
- peace, justice
- humility
- we pray for our leaders to act with honesty, dealing in compassion and truth only; bring wisdom to those shepherds who are not wise. Amen

- selflessness based on self-awareness, deep integrity, committed to justice, can lead into action of love
- caring and sensible
- God grant our leaders wisdom and a spirit of unity, to govern for all the people, Amen
- I pray that those that lead in the negotiations of COP27 are drawn to ways to create unity.
- justice, integrity, compassion
- bravery, compassion
- integrity
- peace
- compassionate decisive understanding
- listen to the earth and care for the earth
- compassionate, truthful, hopeful & active in their fights for a better future
- not to fall into temptation. That our leaders act free from vested interests that go against that of our peoples and biodiversity
- peace for all the world
- kindness
- unifying, integrity, honesty, forgiving; clear vision of future; get feet on the ground
- A righteous leader who acts justly and enables care for all people and earth
- justice, kindness, selflessness, inclusion, dignity, hope, love
- generous welcoming
- Grant leaders with virtues of kapka listening to people, planet and all other living things
- compassionate heart
- higher pay for carers
- freedom for refugees and permanent visas
- leaders who think first of the wellbeing of those they lead
- prayer for human leaders – forgiveness, love, peace, growth
- humility, long-term view, self-awareness, compassion
- That justice will overcome evil. Pray for the leaders of world powers – Putin, Xi Zingpin, Biden and the understanding of those suffering – Ukraine, Myanmar, Taiwan

- hold, listen, act
- selflessness
- compassion
- care for the powerless, the stigmatized, the refugee, the sick, the poor
- courage, integrity, love, strength, dignity, compassion, wisdom, power
- compassion
- recognize & empower the community to: address climate change, be inclusive of all, we are stewards of the land, support the week in our community
- think of others and love your neighbour
- leaders that support refugees and people seeking asylum
- pray for leaders who will tear people apart from each other
- dignity, justice & human rights for all
- good leadership in our land, good government service
- a focus on the most disadvantaged people
- for the Reign of Christ to prevail and for healing in Russia and Ukraine
- unity, health & safety, collective prosperity, protect the environment, low cost of living, equality

