



St Ives Uniting Church

23 November 2025

Christ the King Sunday

with the Cathedral Singers

Call to worship and welcome

Anthem: Rejoice the Lord is King (Malcolm Archer) – The Cathedral Singers

The Christ Candle

Hymn: I vow to thee my saviour (Tune: Thaxted)

Prayer of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace, "Your sins are forgiven"

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 558 All praise to thee my God this day (Tune: Tallis' Canon)

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible reading:

Luke 23:33-43

Shirley Ashton

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 339 O sacred head sore wounded (Tune: Passion chorale)

Bible reading:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Emily Jacobsson

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. ² Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the Lord. ³ “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all

the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord.

⁵ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called:
The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Anthem: Benedictus (Karl Jenkins) – The Cathedral Singers

Sermon – Christ the king

Hymn: 228 Crown him with many crowns (Tune: Diademata)

Offering and prayer

Anthem: Lift up your head O ye gates (William Mathias) – The Cathedral Singers

Prayers of the people and the Lord’s prayer Lawrence Peak

Hymn: 276 There’s a light upon the mountains

Benediction

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham



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