

We are on 'Zoom' every Sunday.

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The Christmas Bowl Envelopes will be available from next week.

Words of Hope

You Can Count on God 365 devotions
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Prayer offered in faith will restore them from sickness and bring them to health. James 5:15

Last evening I noticed Denalyn was texting back and forth with a friend who was spiraling downward because of some criticism at work. Denalyn encouraged her with this downpour of truth:

Jesus can move mountains, so he can and will act on your behalf! He loves you, so receive his love and his power. Quit doubting the King of kings and Teacher of all teachers. He is who he says. Believe him! The Lord exposes our weaknesses so we'll come to him and find our rest and hope in him. He wants you to come to him and stop imagining terrible scenarios. Has he not brought you this far? That's the Creator of the ends of the earth in your court, on your side. He is for you, not against you. Trust in him! Worship him! Take your position in praise and prayer, and he will set ambushes for the enemy.

Goodness gracious, would that text not stir your spirit? Spread words of hope, and pray prayers of faith.

20th November 2022

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Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 2.1-5

Ps 122

Romans 13.9-14

Matthew 24.36-44



SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2022



CHRIST THE KING

The Reign of Christ

Commentary on Colossians 1:15-20 M. Thomas Thangaraj Upper Room Disciplines November 20th 2022

We know that every Sunday is the lord's Day - a celebration of Easter, the resurrection of Christ. The risen Lord ascends to the throne of God and reigns over the whole creation. But when every Sunday is a celebration day, we risk getting caught up in the festivity while forgetting the centrality and the supremacy of Christ. Today's reading invites us to focus on Christ while we adore Christ's reign.

Christ holds everything together as the creative force behind all of creation. In Christ, the whole cosmos is held together. We need not fear any scattering of splintering. The embracing love of Christ upholds the unity of the whole creation. Christ occupies the first place in the church, the community of faith in the world. The Eucharist as a celebration announces the mystery of God's wondrous transformation of us all into a single unified body. And Paul reminds us that God's plentitude resides in Christ, who has made peace through his death on the cross and his resurrection into new life.



As citizens of the reign of Christ, we inherit the love of God that invites us into the circle of God's abundant and amazing grace. We are filled with the Holy Spirit, who showers God's gifts on us so that we can share those gifts with one another and experience the oneness of God's holy family.

Now when we look at our neighbours, may we recognise the family resemblance and announce peace to them

God of all creation, awaken on us the spirit of love, faith and hope so that we may enjoy the reign of Christ in whatever we do today. Amen

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Rev Shirley will be in the Parish on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday morning and Sunday morning.

At other times she can be contacted on her mobile number or by email.



Today's Service: Christ the King

Sentence: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9.9

Collect: Eternal God, you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and have made us instruments of his kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy and may worship and adore you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **Amen**

pray for those in

need

- Peter and Yvonne Fyfe, Tom Collett, Mary and Arthur; Jim and Joy Durran, Fiona, Richard Burrows and Pam, June Cook, Jack Laherty, John and Lyn Hilcke, Zaher Mhannah, Rhoda Lynch, Jim and Jan Dowsett, Wilf Seed, Charlotte MacEndry, Shirley Dougherty, Del, Dawn Tait and for Dawn's sister Coral, Bernard Conradie and André, Anna Bell-Hughes and Ewan, Carolyn Melling, Elie, Eline and Rose Sejean, Peter, Marie Kershaw, Robert Dodds, Linda and Steve.
- For the Dying and their Support Serves.

pray for the

wider church

- For the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, Archbishop Geoffrey Smith.
- For Archbishop Philip Freier and the Diocese of Melbourne
- For the Oodthenong Episcopal Area Bishop (The Rt Revd Kate Prowd).
- For the Geelong Archdeaconry (The Ven Jill McCoy).

pray for the

World

- For peace and prosperity for all nations in

- For those suffering from natural disasters around the world: floods, earthquakes, famine, drought and violent windstorms.
- For a withdrawal of Russian military forces from Ukraine and an immediate cessation of fighting, for safety and care for those fleeing the terror and for success of 'peace talks.
- For all who are orphaned by war and conflict and for the people of Afghanistan, Myanmar and Ukraine as they face an uncertain future.
- For all who are afflicted and affected by the Covid 19 pandemic and the Delta, Omicron and all the other variants, all those who are caring for and treating those who have the disease.
- Foundation South Sudan, for finances, and scholarship recipients.

pray for the

Community

- For the Wathaurung People, Elders past, present, and emerging, all Aborigines, Torres Strait Islanders, for reconciliation and for treaty.
- For those without influence who don't yet know Jesus.
- For the Belmont shopping centre
- For Oberon Primary School.

pray for the

baptism

of Olsen Oden Fox Scaffide Walker and his family as he comes for baptism on 13th

Prayers for today

pray for

our church

- For our Priest-in-charge: Reverend Shirley Littras and George, and for Reverend Liz Bufton and Peter.
- For all St Stephen's Parishioners.
- For our Eucharistic Assistants.
- To keep striving to maintain our connection with the community of Belmont and with each other to proclaim the good news of Jesus.
- For the gifts, fruit and power of the Holy

What's Coming Up?

Playgroup

9:30 am Tuesday in the Hall

Meditation Group

10:00 am Thursday in the Meeting Room

Prayer Group

11:00 am Thursday in Meeting Room

House Groups

Check with your leader

Baptism

Sunday 13th November 9:30 am

Highway to Healing

Service

Monday 12th November 7:00 pm

Messy Church

Sunday 27th November 9:30 pm



Turn off
all mobile
phones

Daily Readings W/C 7.11

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
Stir up, we pray you, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Monday November 21st

Morning

Ps 50, Zech 14.1-11, Rev 11.1-14

Evening

Ps 119.41-64, Wisdom 8.5-18, Mark 1.29-39

Tuesday November 22nd

Morning

Ps 51, Zech 14.12-21, Rev 11.15-19

Evening

Ps 52; 53, Wisdom 8.21-9.18 Mark 1.40-45

Wednesday November 23rd

Morning

Ps 54; 55.1.12, Malachi 1, Rev 12.1-6,

Evening

Ps 55.13-28, Wisdom 10.15-11.10, Mark 2.1-17

Thursday November 24th

Morning

Ps 56; 57 Malachi 2.1-16, Rev 12.7-18

Evening

Ps 60; 61, Wisdom 11.15-12.2 Mark 2.18-3.6

Friday November 25th

Morning

Ps 62; 63, Malachi 2.17-3.12, Rev 13.1-10

Evening

Ps 64; 67, Wisdom 12.12-21, Mark 3.7-19a

Saturday November 19th

Morning

Ps 65; 70, Malachi 3.13-4.6, Rev 13.11-18

Evening

Ps 66, Wisdom 18.14-24, Mark 3.19b-35

If you are last to leave the Church, the Hall or the Meeting Room, please check that ALL doors are locked, lights and heaters are turned off.