



BALLINA & LENNOX HEAD ANGLICANS

An inclusive Christ-centred community, growing in our
relationship with God and the wider community

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Bundjalung nation,
and pay respects to their elders past and present.

CHRIST THE KING 22 NOVEMBER 2020

Pastoral message from the Rector

Today we celebrate Christ the King. I find this to be an interesting title to give to Jesus because his ministry was so unkinglike. By this I mean that he did not seek glory or praise, and he seemed to go out of his way to deflect glory. For example, in the account of the raising of Lazarus, Jesus very publicly gave credit to God the Father, and it is like this on several other occasions when Jesus was doing something miraculous.

Kingship often means ruling and giving orders, and sometimes even holding the power of life and death in their hands. Jesus came more as a servant than a king and I sometimes struggle to marry the words Jesus and King together. However, there is a beautiful hymn in the Together in Song hymn book called Servant King. It tells a story about a king who came from heaven and was born into this world to serve. It tells the story of this suffering servant king in a garden of tears, choosing to die on a cross to bear the load of sin for his people. It invites us to serve like he did, because when we do, we are also serving him.

I am much more comfortable thinking of Jesus as a servant king because it sounds like he is much more accessible to everyone. Kings are usually heavily protected and often only the privileged can get close to them. All who want to get close to Jesus can, and he welcomes everyone, regardless of their past sins. There are no bodyguards or security teams protecting him and we have direct access through prayer. Today, as we celebrate Christ the King, perhaps it would be a good time to think about how we can be a servant like he was. Perhaps the words of the chorus from the hymn may help us in our reflections.

Every blessing

Matthew

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

Birthdays: Clare McQueen, Mollie Hindle, Gayl Perkins, and Elaine Moyle.

Anniversaries: Alex & Myra Arrighi.

We pray for the family of Joan Knapp who died peacefully Tuesday 10 November. Her funeral will be held at St Mary's Tuesday 24 November at 10am. Our prayers remain with her family at this time.

Ballina Christian Education Committee (BCEC) and Ritchies IGA If you want to support BCEC here is one very simple way to do it. Ritchies IGA has recently launched its new IGA Card to celebrate 150 years of service to the community. Now is the time to sign up with their online app. and nominate BCEC (formerly BSREA) as the Beneficiary. They give 0.5% of sales to nominated community groups. Every little bit helps - consider making BCEC your choice!

Also available is the BCEC Who's Who of Ballina Shire Ultimate Puzzle Book. The book is available at both of our centres at a cost of \$15 and would make a great Christmas present.

Coffee & Chat will meet again Thursday 26 November 10.30am at The Gallery Café, 46 Cherry St. To ensure a seat is booked for you, please let Kerry Johnston know that you are coming on 0407 257 129 by 2pm Wednesday.

Coffee and Conversation will be held this Thursday 26 November at 10am in the shade of the trees by Lake Ainsworth in Lennox Head. Please bring a chair if you have one, the Surf Club Kiosk will be open for coffee.

Do you have photos of some of the things that have been different about this year? We are hoping to have a vision of the strange year that was for this year's Annual Report, so if you have anything that reflects Parish life since January can you please send it to Cathie at office@anglicanballina.com.au, or if you bring it in she can scan it and return it to you?

Wearing of Face Masks Bishop Murray has advised of an update from NSW Health, who now only recommend masks where social distancing is not possible (e.g. public transport). The Minister and his medical advisor have both agreed that if congregational members are physically spaced at 1.5m, with no singing of course, then the risk of infection is so minimal, that the wearing of masks need no longer apply. Of course, some may wish to continue to wear masks to exercise caution and to show love to others. We should not discourage them, The Archbishop of Sydney continues to liaise on our behalf with Ministers and senior Health Department Advisers.

Financial Giving to the Parish

Whilst the Op Shop with successful trading during the COVID pandemic has been able to catch up on its budgeted transfers to the Parish funds there is still a shortfall in offertory giving, a major source of funds required to run the Parish.

You are encouraged to support the Parish through regular giving in one of the following ways:

Direct deposits through AfGD (Anglican funds Grafton Diocese) known as Parish Provider: Application Form is available from the Parish Administration Office. Complete and post it to: PO Box 4, Grafton NSW 2460; alternatively scan or photo the completed form and send it as an attachment to AfGD email address: office@afgd.com.au ; or

Direct deposit to the Parish of Ballina Working Account: this method enables you to use your bank to electronically direct transfer funds into the following account.

Account. Parish of Ballina Working Account: *BSB:* 705-077 *Account Number:* 00040134.

Use Reference: Offering; or

At Sunday Services: there is a box set aside for giving at St Mary's and St John the Baptist if you are attending Sunday worship and wish to give this way; or

At the Admin Office: giving by cash or EFTPOS can also be processed at the Admin Office during the week from 9.00am to 3:00pm.

Thank you.

Hugh McIntosh - Parish Treasurer

Special COVID-19 Appeal To help maintain Parish ministry and the jobs of paid churchworkers through this crisis, the Diocese has opened a special appeal. Contributions to this fund will go first to maintaining paid roles of churchworkers across the Diocese, whether located in Parishes, the Registry or special ministries such as chaplaincies. Click here to find out more and learn about ways to donate: [The Anglican Diocese of Grafton COVID-19 Support Fund](#)

PACT Prayer Loving God, we are so very aware of all the suffering and pain there is in our world. We pray that you would help us to be mindful of those around us, the lonely, those who are anxious, afraid, those who are mourning, those beyond these shores, those still in the throes of recovery from floods and fires. Be with us as we come alongside them, through prayer or by giving a helping hand. Show us how we may bring hope and love into each situation. Even when we feel we are floundering and under stress give us the reassurance of your love and presence so that we may be positive in sharing who you are through who we are. Help us to gain a new understanding of 'Christ the King', and be ready to move into Advent and all it may bring to us. Amen.

ABM Pew Reflection

Praxis means essentially doing the Gospel, not simply thinking or talking about it. Today's Gospel contrasts positive and negative examples of Christian praxis. Not only are the sheep carrying out the Gospel in practice, they are not even aware of it. Likewise, the goats are unaware that they are not carrying out the Gospel, by not caring for the least members of His family.

- May God help us to be doers of the Word not hearers only.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

The Very Rev Phillip Saunders, Dean of Canberra and Goulburn
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Thought for the Week from Mothers Union Australia

Gender Justice

In the Anglican Communion we are committed to ensuring that our churches become a living witness to our belief that women and men are equally made in the image of God.

Within the Communion and beyond, we recognise that the empowerment of women and men to live and work in just relationship requires a transformation among individuals and in all our communities. ***Statement and Bible verse copied from the Anglican Communion Website.***

For nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not become known and come to light. Luke 8: 17.

Perhaps the greatest impact of the recent work of MU in Ireland has been raising awareness of gender-based violence. This has been achieved by helping the needy, elderly, prisoners and their families and all types of vulnerable people. Members hold annual services and events to support the 16 Days of Activism. May God bless their endeavours.

EAC Prayer Points

As we near the end of Term 4, and the year we pray for all that needs to happen in these next few weeks.

We pray for:

- all the staff as they mark papers, set exams and finalise reports;

- Year 9 and 10 as they sit their end of year exams;
- College Council as they meet;
- Year 6 as they have their unusual COVID style 'camp';
- Kindergarten information evening; and
- Year 5 and 6 Interrelate.

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“COUCH CHURCH”: WORSHIPPING GOD AT HOME

22 NOVEMBER 2020

CHRIST THE KING

Don't forget to click on the link in your email to watch this service online.

Call to Worship

We have been called into the pastures of God,
where there is nurture, a place to rest,
safety, and kindness among all.
Let us draw near, in the goodness of God,
to be with each other,
and to praise the shepherd who has gathered us here.

Amen.

Hymn: Christ's is the World in Which We Move

Christ's is the world in which we move;
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who meets us here.

*Refrain: To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the people we most avoid
strange or bereaved or never employed.
Feel for the women and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain.

*Refrain: To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the women whom men have defiled,
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.

*Refrain: To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the lives by life confused,
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure, but fears to begin.

*Refrain: To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,*

*to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

John L Bell (1949-)
TiS 677

Gathering Prayer:

God, we have been a scattered people,
roaming, looking for places to call home.
You have called us home, gathered us in,
given us a land of belonging where all are welcome.
You have sought us out, brought us in,
and held us in this great story.

Amen.

Confession:

Truly, we say to you that we have seen the broken
and have not been moved to compassion.

Truly, we say to you that we have heard people mourning
and have not given them our time.

Truly, we say to you that we have witnessed oppression
and have not raised our voices.

Truly, we say to you that we have seen the stranger
and not said a word.

God, hiding in all strangers, all around us,
we are truly sorry for what we have done,
and what we have not done,
and we ask you to deepen your welcome in us,
so that we might deepen our welcome around us.

Amen.

Absolution

Sentence:

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and
come before his face with songs of joy.

Psalm 100:1

Prayer of the Day:

God of power and love,
who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:
free the world to rejoice in his peace,
to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.
Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Readings:

Psalm 100

*Response: All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.*

Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness.
Come into his presence singing for joy.

**Response: All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.**

Know that the Lord is our creator.
Yes, he is our Father and we are his.

**Response: All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.**

We are the sheep of his green pasture,
for we are his people; he is our God.

**Response: All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.**

Enter his gates bringing thanksgiving,
O enter his courts while singing his praise.

**Response: All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.**

Our Lord is good, his love enduring,
his word is abiding now with us all.

**Response: All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.**

Honour and praise be to the Father,
the Son, and the Spirit, world without end.

**Response: All the earth proclaim the Lord,
sing your praise to God.**

Lucien Deiss (1921 -)

TiS 60

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

TiS 359

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

Sermon

Hymn: From Heaven You Came

1. From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*Refrain: This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

2. There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
‘Yet not my will but yours’, he said.

*Refrain: This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

3. Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

*Refrain: This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

4. So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other’s needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we’re serving.

*Refrain: This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

Graham Kendrick (1950-)
TiS 256

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again
and is coming to call all to account.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.
This is our faith, the faith of the Church:
We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Intercessions:

As we pray for the world and for the Church, we offer our prayers to Christ the King, whose world it is.

We bring before you the peoples of the world suffering the onslaught of COVID-19. We pray for those in positions of responsibility: may they have wisdom in their response to the spread of the virus. We give our thanks for the development of vaccines which may halt this hideous virus.

We pray for the peoples of Ethiopia living in fear of torture and imprisonment, or who have gone into exile in Sudan.

Christ our King, rule our hearts and wills, **and come in your glory.**

We give you thanks for the ministry of our brothers and sisters who worship in our Cathedral of Christ the King in Grafton, as they celebrate their Patronal festival today. May we, and all who follow you, seek your wisdom and guidance. Inspire us to continue to worship you, and through our witness to announce to the world that you are Christ the King.

Christ our King, rule our hearts and wills, **and come in your glory.**

We give thanks for the diversity of people living within our community. Help us remember and reach out to those on the fringes: the forgotten and the unwanted; those without work and those whose work is not valued. Help us to remember that when we care for them, we care for you.

Christ our King, rule our hearts and wills, **and come in your glory.**

Lord Jesus, in you we see the compassionate heart of our Father God: we pray for all who are in need. Remember those in loneliness, grief, despair, sickness or pain. We give you thanks for those who bring comfort, hope and care to those in need. We remember especially those who have asked for healing prayer: Ria Mars, Joy Swinbourne, Malcolm Streher, Josh Stanley, Margaret Waller, Lynda Garde, Rachael Hampton, Alton Rowe, Karen and Ben Shaw, Ron Roder, Rose Fox, Alex Arrighi, Gerri White's granddaughter, Phil Ross, and Milton Colburt.

Jesus, heal your people.

Christ our King, rule our hearts and wills, **and come in your glory.**

We give you thanks and praise that for us you have broken the bonds of death. We remember all whose lives have been faithful and true: especially James Noble, pioneer Aboriginal deacon. Help us to follow in the footsteps of your saints and, when we fail you, forgive us, that, when the deep night of death is past and morning dawns, we shall be with you and all your saints in Paradise.

Christ our King, rule our hearts and wills, **and come in your glory.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns
the Lamb upon the throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for me,
and hail him as your chosen king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began:
and we who tread where he has trod
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Matthew Bridges (1800 – 94) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)
TIS 228

Sending Out Prayer:

Christ our King,
send us out ready to serve you, being your hands and feet in the world;
and help us to see you in each person we encounter,
today and every day.

Amen.

Blessing

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