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*An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action*

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***MORNING WORSHIP***

***Christ the King***

**Led by Rev. Ross Smith**

# ***The Gathering of the People of God***

## **Organ Prelude**

*First movement from Trio Sonata No. 1 in E flat BWV 525*

J S Bach (1685 - 1750)

*Please stand at the entry of the choir and clergy and remain standing for the...*

## **Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

## **Call to Worship**

**Hymn 228**      *Crown him with many crowns*      (Diademata)

## **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

...This is the Gospel.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Doxology 772 *Worship, honour, glory, blessing* (Austria)



Wor - ship, ho - nour, glo - ry, bless ing, Lord we of - fer  
to your name; young and old, their praise ex - press - ing,  
join your good - ness to pro - claim. As the saints in  
heaven a - dore you, we should bow be - fore your throne;  
as your ang - els serve be - fore you,  
so on earth your will be done.

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*Congregational greeting and welcome to visitors and newcomers*

# *The Service of the Word*

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet:

**A light to our path.**

## **First Reading**

*2 Samuel 23: 1-7*

**1** Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: **2** The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. **3** The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, **4** is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land **5** Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? **6** But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; **7** to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

## **Hymn 454**

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*

(Was lebet)

*[based on Psalm 132]*

## **Second Reading**

*Revelation 1: 4-8.*

**4** Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, **5** and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, **6** and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. **7** Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. **8** "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **Anthem**

### ***Hallelujah!*** ***(from 'Messiah')***

*Text: Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16*  
*Music: G. F. Handel (1685 - 1759)*

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,  
and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever,  
King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
and He shall reign forever and ever, Hallelujah!

## **Gospel Reading**

*John 18: 33-37*

**33** Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" **34** Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" **35** Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" **36** Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." **37** Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

May your word live in us: **And bear much fruit to your glory.**

## **Hymn 520**

*Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour*  
(St Helen)

## **Sermon**

*Hail! King!*

## **Hymn 237**

*Hail Redeemer, King divine!* (Rex)

## **Concerns of the Church**

## **Prayers of the People**

*We stand to sing...*

# The Lord's Prayer

Albert H Malotte

Lento, religioso

Our Fa - ther, \_\_\_\_\_ which art in heav - en \_\_\_\_\_

*pp*

Hal-low-ed be \_\_\_\_\_ thy name \_\_\_\_\_ Thy king-dom come.

*p*

Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heav - en \_\_\_\_\_

*mp* *p*

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for-give us our

*pp* *p*

tres - pass - es As we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.

And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion; But de -

*mp*

liv - er us from e - vil: For thine is the king - dom, \_\_\_\_\_ and the

*mf* *f*

pow - er, \_\_\_\_\_ and the glo - ry, \_\_\_\_\_ for ev - er.

*ff*

A - men.

*f* *mf* *p* *pp*

## Offering

## Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering.*

## ***The Sending Forth of the People of God***

**Hymn 224 (ii)**     *All hail the power of Jesus' name*     (Diadem)

## Blessing

... and remain with you always.

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ.**

## Threefold Amen

## Organ Postlude

*Crown Imperial*

William Walton (1902 - 1983)