



Christ the Universal King
Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100 or 95.1-7;
Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

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 caring out the Gospel, by not caring for *the least* members of His family.

Believing and doing cannot in fact be separated in the Christian life. Both are essential and interdependent. Jesus is Lord of all our believing and all our doing.

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.

*Text: The Very Rev Phillip Saunders,
 Dean of Canberra and Goulburn
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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The World—

Pray for world leaders, that they strive utmost to meet the common needs of their constituents. Pray for health authorities as they continue to grapple with COVID 19 and for development & distribution of safe & effective vaccines.

The Church

In the Anglican Communion pray for the Church of Bangladesh. In Australia pray for the Diocese of Sydney and in Bendigo for communications through 'The Spirit' and Diocesan website and for the Parish of Kangaroo Flat. Pray for Revd Tracey Wolsley and parish community..

Our Community

Pray for VCE students still continuing exams.

PARISH HEALING LIST: *Please pray for*

Rose, Pam, Anita, June, Jean, Brian, Veronica, Cheryl, Jill, Sandra, Joan, Carmen, Roslyn, Paisley, Shirley, Bev, Diana, Travis, Elizabeth, Saxton, Bali, Ron, Keith, Prudence, Kirrili, Glen, Peter, Louise, Maddie & Paul, Allan, Ny, Helen, Gerald, Carmel, Bernard and Claire.

Recently Departed: John Gordon,

Anniversaries: Ian Barasi (22 November), Isabel Ferguson (27 November).

PARISH CONTRIBUTION DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS

Thank you to all who are contributing to the life of the parish via EFT (direct deposits into the parish account). The details are as follows:

Kyneton Anglican Parish Council You can include your name as an identifier
 BSB: 083-713 and that it is offering. No one except the
 Acc No: 51586 7674 Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer know.

Acknowledgement of Country: This land is God's land and God's Spirit dwells here. We acknowledge the Taungurung and Djar Djar Wurrung peoples; the traditional custodians of this area and honour their Elders—past, present and emerging.



**St Paul's Kyneton
 & St John's Malmesbury
 22nd November 2020
 CHRIST THE KING**



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We are also grateful for the assistance of our retired clergy: The Revds Charles & Peta Sherlock, Wendy Hudson & Greg Magee

PEW BULLETIN & LITURGY



A way of being: To be Christ-centred as we worship joyfully, serve faithfully, care for one another lovingly and outreach enthusiastically with our words and actions.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Sentence of the Day:

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

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden,
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Introduction to the Confession
(Silence)

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves;
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
+ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen us in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY OUR SHARED MORAL CHALLENGE

Thursday 26th November 7.30pm-8.45pm

The session will feature two speakers, Mark Delaney and Alice Carwardine addressing the current climate and ecological emergency and how they have responded in their own lives to this crisis. There will be question & discussion time. Mark is the author of 'Low Carbon and Loving it' and is a Christian climate activist who has featured in the media for his work, including ABC's Compass programme, 'For the Love of Creation,' 5 April 2020. Alice, after giving up 40 things in Lent 2018, now leads a zero-waste sustainable lifestyle. She runs workshops for parishes and schools.

This event is being run by Mary, Mother of the Church Catholic Parish Ivanhoe Climate Action Group. You can register attendance by emailing Ivanhoe@cam.org.au. A Zoom link will then be sent to you.

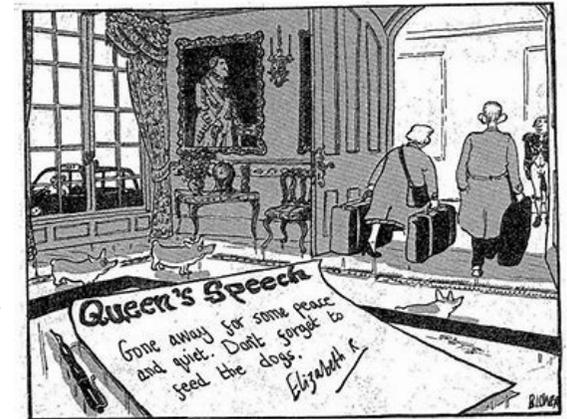
DISCUSSION & STUDY GROUP

As we come to the last two Sundays of the Christian Year and prepare for Advent, then now is a time you might like to join in the Discussion & Study group activity. Discussing and sharing reflection on the Scriptures can be a rewarding and important experience as struggling to understand and apply our faith in everyday life can be enhanced greatly by doing so in a group. Continues this Thursday on Zoom at 3pm. Materials are emailed out early in the week. Email Fr Ian if you would like to join in.

On the lighter side.....

A man finds a magic lamp. Of course, as the deal goes, he rubs the lamp and out pops a genie that thunders he has 3 wishes to make.. "For my first wish, I want to be some kind of royalty." the man says. The Genie nods. "Yes, yes. That can easily be arranged." "For my second wish, I want to live in luxury, the most beautiful castle." "It will be done", the Genie agrees. "And I want to be married to a beautiful princess." "I understand", says the Genie, "However, your wishes require a lot of work. But it should be done tomorrow." So the man goes to sleep and when he wakes up, he is laying in a beautiful bed. He looks around and everything is just as he wished. He is a noble, living inside a beautiful castle and next to him a beautiful princess smiles at him. "Oh, you're finally awake, Franz-Ferdinand. We should get up, today we're traveling to Sarajevo."

Clue: Think of history.



BIRTHDAYS:

23 November David Lee 27 November Kim Martin
25 November Justin Diss 28 November Joan Willis



**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES
FOR OUR BEING TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP**

- Good news we can now have 20 participants for worship inside,
- **People with surnames from A-J are welcome to register to come to St Paul's and attend next Sunday. Please contact Fr Ian! For St John's no name restrictions, but please book ahead.**
- Please be super-vigilant of maintaining 1.5m distancing and sit in places as marked in the church.
- **FACE MASKS are to be worn except for the priest leading worship and as the reader reads the lessons.**

HAVE YOUR SAY!

THERE IS STILL TIME TO have some thoughts and feedback from you all regarding the questions our bishop has proposed in his document 'Pause to Go' as a means of helping us to emerge more healthily as faith community from COVID restrictions.

The questions posed are:

- * *What have we lost during lockdown?*
- * *What do we grieve?*
- * *What we have gained?*
- * *What have we been forced to do which we want to keep?*
- * *What have we been forced to stop which we do not want to restart?*
- * *What have we stopped that we cannot wait to restart?*

Responses to Fr Ian and the Parish Council can be handwritten, typed or emailed.

CHRISTMAS 'GOODIES' FUNDRAISER

Orders for Christmas puddings and cakes (small and large), shortbread, fruit mince pies, gingerbread biscuits, truffles, fudge, white Christmas, Christmas rocky road and cupcakes (santa and reindeer varieties) are continuing this week. There is an order form insert in the pewsheets today and has been sent out by email. Please invite family and friends to also order. Let's make this a great fundraiser to finish the year! All orders need to be in by 1st December and will be available for pick-up at the Farmers Market on Saturday 12th December or after worship services on Sunday 13th December.

COVID SAFE practices will be observed in preparing, cooking & packaging.

CHURCH CLEANING

This is just a reminder that there are cleaning tasks, such as all surfaces in the church passageways and toilets to be cleaned and disinfected following all worship services and church activities in order that we both comply with current health regulations and care for the safety and well-being of all people who come.

If you are able to assist then please contact one of the Wardens or Fr Ian, so that we can add you to a roster. As the saying goes 'many hands make light work.'

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day:

God of power and love, who raised your Son Jesus from death to life, re-splendent 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.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; ♦
**serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**
- 2 Know that the Lord is God; ♦
**it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise; ♦
give thanks to him and bless his name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, ♦
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

GOSPEL READING

+ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:31-46)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

‘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.’

for the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRIEST’S PONDERINGS:

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Today we celebrate the last Sunday of the Christian Liturgical Year and it is fitting that it directly relates to Jesus with the Feast of Christ the King or otherwise known as the reign of Christ. I say either/or as often the images in people’s minds of monarchical rule are easily out of sync with how the reign of Christ operates e.g. at Jesus trial before Pilate, he says, “My kingdom is not of this world.” What then does Christ’s reign mean?

Our first reading from the prophet Ezekiel today gives us a clue as to God’s intention. That his rule is like that of a shepherd King. A God who guides, leads and cares fully and completely for the flock in his care. A shepherd King provides for the flock, leads them to abundant and safe pastures; seeking out the lost and drawing back in those who stray, caring for the injured and bolstering weaknesses. A shepherd king who cares for all “no buts” and has the respect and devotion of those who follow.

Likewise our Gospel reading continues this imagery of a shepherd/servant leader. Yet clearly spelled out in this passage are the responsibilities of followers to emulate the servant leadership of Christ: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, providing for those who go without. How this is lived out can be wide and varied, depending on the context of the community at any given time.

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we are reminded of our own calling through baptism to be God’s children and thereby co-inheritors of the Kingdom of God. We too can share in the many tasks of living and sharing in the life the gospel can bring to this world.

May you journey well with Christ this week. How might God be calling us to follow faithfully as sisters and brothers of Christ in the mission of the church in the world? Fr Ian.

THIS WEEK

Christ the King

THIS SUNDAY: 8.45am Holy Eucharist—St John’s Malmsbury
10.30am Holy Eucharist—St Paul’s Kyneton
4.00pm Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday: 9.00am Morning Prayer—Rectory
10.00am-11.00am St Paul’s open for prayer (no bookings needed)
5.00pm Evening Prayer - St Paul’s

Wednesday: 9.00am Morning Prayer—Rectory
10.00am —Holy Eucharist— St Paul’s
10.00am-12.00pm St Paul’s open for prayer (no bookings needed)

Thursday: 9.00am Morning Prayer—Rectory
3.00pm Discussion & Study Group (via Zoom)
5.00pm Evening Prayer—St Paul’s

Friday: 5.00pm Evening Prayer—St Paul’s
10.00am Morning Prayer— St John’s

NEXT SUNDAY: 8.45am Holy Eucharist—St John’s
10.30am Holy Eucharist—St Paul’s & Online **Advent 1**

Please remember to contact Fr Ian to register to come to worship

HYMN FOR REFLECTION:

RISE UP! WHY SLEEP! O LORD

Tune: Cambridge (TiS 573)

1. Rise up! Why sleep! O Lord
your name is glorified,
to reach as Jesus did for all
their needs to satisfy.

2. The hungry to be fed
and thirsty souls to fill,
unfailing in redemption's cause,
in sharing your goodwill.

3. Come now, O Lord of all
come in this sacred space
as Lord and King of many hearts
we're pleased you take your place.

4. As we with reverence bow,
acknowledge need to be,
a humble seeking, hear your voice
brings freedom, liberty.

5. Our calling to such life,
is found in various ways,
may justice, mercy be revealed
by us through Christ each day.

6. For Christ the servant King
ascends his glorious throne,
by giving, dying, rising to,
new life's eternal home.

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HOMILY

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Let us together affirm the faith of the Church

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Lord, hear our prayers.
**Use us by your grace
so that the world is changed for good
and you are known and loved as Lord of all. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.....

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues to:)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The prayer continues to:)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

(The prayer continues to:)

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident 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 forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body.

For we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world. Grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God....

All who repent of their sins, trust in Christ, and celebrate his saving work with grateful hearts, truly eat and drink the body and blood of Christ, even though the bread may not have been eaten, or the wine drunk..

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.

God of glory

you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world

to preach the gospel of the kingdom.

Strengthen us who share this meal to continue his mission

by living the good news we proclaim.

Most loving God,

you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage

in the power of your Spirit.

NOTICES

Blessing

Christ our exalted king pour upon you his abundant gifts

and bring you to reign with him in glory;

and the blessing of God almighty,

+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen