

ORMOND UNITING CHURCH



21TH NOVEMBER

CHRIST THE KING
THE REIGN OF CHRIST



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WELCOME

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Holy God, Shepherd of your people

Gather us into your kingdom of loving kindness

Jesus our Brother, longing for the harvest of justice,

Gather us into your kingdom of peace

Spirit of Holiness, bearer of good news

Gather us into your kingdom of truth

HYMN: TIS 144 Lord you have been our dwelling place

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place

in every generation;

your people have received your grace,

and blessed your consolation;

through every age you heard our cry;

through every age we found you nigh,

our strength and our salvation.

Persisting sins we long have wept,

your patience long have tested;

but steadfast faith in you we kept,

still to your name devoted:

for you have kept and loved us well,

and granted us in you to dwell

from your love never parted.

Lord, nothing from your arms so sure

shall your own people sever;

our helper ever will endure,

God's love will fail us never.

Your people, Lord, have dwelt in you;

and you remain our dwelling true

for ever and for ever.

Thomas Hornblower Gill
1819-1906 *alt.*

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

Faithful God, who chose David to be the model of an acceptable ruler, we give thanks that we can glimpse your reign of mercy and care.

Jesus, who stood before Pilate and spoke of a kingdom that values truth and love, inclusion and encouragement, we pray for our freedom, for release from enslavement to the values of greed and apathy and hatred.

Spirit, who empowers us to bear witness to the kingdom of God, come to us in our weakness that through our actions we might bring the reign of Christ closer in our world.

We remember the arrival of our true king, Jesus, a servant king, whose throne was a cross, whose palace was the homes of his friend's, whose power is love, whose call upon us draws us and cares for us as a shepherd tending a flock, as a parent nurturing a child, as a lover giving of himself, cherishing each person.

God, we offer our praise and thanks that you revealed yourself in Jesus, bless the worship we offer today and may it be true. Amen

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet;
A light to our path

Hebrew Scriptures: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Revelation 1: 4b-8

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: John 18; 33-37

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HYMN: TIS 201 King of glory, King of peace

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
ev'n eternity's too short
to extol thee.

George Herbert
1593-1633

SERMON

HYMN: TIS 276 There's a light upon the mountain

There's a light upon the mountains,
and the day is at the spring
when our eyes shall see the beauty
and the glory of the King;
weary was our heart with waiting,
and the night-watch seemed so long,
but his triumph day is breaking,
and we hail it with a song.

There's a hush of expectation,
and a quiet in the air,
and the breath of God is moving
in the fervent breath of prayer:
for the suffering, dying Jesus
is the Christ upon the throne,
and the travail of our spirit
is the travail of his own.

He is breaking down the barriers,
he is casting up the way,
he is calling for his angels
to build up the gates of day:
but his angels here are human,
not the shining hosts above;
for the drum-beats of his army
are the heart-beats of our love.

Hark, we hear a distant music,
and it comes with fuller swell –
the great triumph song of Jesus,
of our King, Immanuel:
Zion, go you forth to meet him;
and, my soul, be swift to bring
all your finest and your dearest
for the triumph of our King!

Henry Burton
1840-1930 *alt.*

OFFERING

NOTICES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE prepared by David Baxter

HYMN: TIS 262 When pain and terror strike by chance

When pain and terror strike by chance,
with causes unexplained,
when God seems absent or asleep,
and evil unrestrained,
we crave an all-controlling force
ready to rule and warn,
but find, far-shadowed by a cross,
a child in weakness born.

We marvel at God's nakedness
and sense the play of chance
in Herod's anger, Peter's growth,
and Pilate's troubled glance.
Our Saviour's tempted, tested way
never was cut and dried,
but costly, risking life and love,
betrayed and crucified.

How deep the Wisdom of our God,
how weak, but truly wise,
to risk, to sacrifice, to die,
and from the grave arise,
to shed the shroud of death and fate,
freeing our hearts for good.
We breathe the ample air of hope
and take our chance with God.

Since Wisdom took its chance on earth,
to show God's living way,
we'll trust that fear and force will fail,
and Wisdom win the day.

Then come, dear Christ, and hold us fast
when faith and hope are torn,
and bring us, in your loving arms,
to resurrection morn.

Brian Arthur Wren
1936-

BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

Moses convinced the Hebrew slaves that they could be freed.
May Jesus show us, who think we are free, where we are, in fact,
enslaved.

May we be freed to work for the kingdom of God, the reign of
Christ,

Growing through our weakness,

Learning through our ignorance,

Energized through our apathy

Until the world is as God would have it be.

Go in the blessing of the Prince of Peace, the King without an
army, the Shepherd of us all, Amen

WORD OF MISSION

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen

HYMN: TIS 105

Let all the world, in every corner sing: My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing:

My God and King!

The heavens are not too high,

his praise may thither fly;

the earth is not too low,

his praises there my grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing:

My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!

George Herbert
1593-1633

You can find a copy of today's sermon along with other congregational information on the church website.

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NEWS AND NOTICES

COVID PROTOCOLS

Many of the COVID restrictions we have been living under have been lifted this week. Here is a list of what we must do and we can do:

- Each week we will be required to check in with QR codes or manually if we can't check in with a smartphone
- We must show a COVID Marshall at the church proof of our vaccination status. This only needs to be done once. This can be a certification on your smartphone or a printed copy of your vaccination status. If you are exempt, please bring a copy of your exemption. Children under 12 are currently exempt from this requirement.
- We are NOT required to wear masks indoors now, but we do recommend the wearing of masks while singing.
- The number we can accommodate in the church is now unlimited if all people present are double vaccinated. We can seat about 120 people in the church.
- If we are not all fully vaccinated, or someone is not willing to give their vaccination status, we will be limited to 45 people in the church.
- Our Covid Marshalls are Lorraine Denniston, Marg Davis and Robyn Mulder who comprise the OUC COVID Team.

Need to know more or unsure what to do? Please contact Andrew Boyle (0409 869 009) or Pam White (0434 378 099).

Printed worship resources will continue to be delivered to those who are not able to make it to worship.

DEFERRED - CLEANING OUT THE HALLS - A TAKE-IT-AWAY-FREE GARAGE SALE -

The Free Garage Sale which was planned for tomorrow has been deferred as we now have clarity about the start date of the demolition. This now gives us more time to be selling some of the contents of the halls. Look out for more information of when this will take place.

Remembering and Celebrating our Halls....

Dotted through the latest edition of Pathfinder you'll find people's memories of how our halls have been used. Thank you to everyone who has contributed articles (Warwick, Heather, David, Elizabeth, Dot, Jan) and to Lorraine for several of the photos– we hope you enjoy them. May they inspire you to reflect on your own memories and perhaps send something for next month – written articles and photos welcome. We will also be including material on the website.

If you'd prefer to tell someone your story so we can write it down for you, please contact Dianne Richter (0413 750 089).

We have also set up an online option “Ormond Uniting Video Memories” where you can record your memories so we can create a video record. Here is the link:

<https://app.memento.com/ormond-uniting-video-memories/bo5dlK8Ap/record>

If you require assistance to record your memory, please contact Gary (0411116415) or garyrichter@yahoo.com.au. You don't need sophisticated recording equipment, just a smart phone or laptop with camera.

DEATH OF DAWN RICHARDS

Long-time member of Ormond Uniting, Dawn Richards, died on Monday of this week. Dawn had been vitally involved in Ormond life for many decades. Our sympathy is extended to Dawn's children Janeanne, Eleanor and Vic and to her wider family. Dawn's funeral was held at St Leonard's Uniting Church, Brighton on Friday and conducted by the Rev. John Lamont. It can be viewed on St Leonard's YouTube channel – https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9CcPZAoAYjj__VCszEexlg

DEATH OF JUDY FERGUSSON

The mother of Suzie Fergusson died this last week. Her funeral will be at St Andrew's Anglican Church, New Street, Brighton at **2pm on Wednesday 24th November**. You are welcome to attend but will need to QR Code check-in and show your vaccination status.

BOB'S BOYS – a message from Neville

Can you believe that we are able resume our monthly breakfast after about a couple of years. So our first breakfast for 2021 will be our Christmas breakup.

We will meet at:

Fig Jam

128 Koornang Road

Carnegie.

On **Saturday 27th November at 8:30 am**

ROSTER for Sunday 28 November 2021

READING	Gary Richter	
PRAYERS	Heather Baxter	
EARLY WORD	Karen Ortolan	
DOOR DUTY	Graeme Davenport	Marg Davis
SOUND	Robyn Mulder	
MUSIC	Karen Roberts	
COUNTNG	Brian Moore Gary Richter	
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