



Auburn (Oxley Road) Uniting Church, Hawthorn

We are worshipping on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nations. We acknowledge them as traditional owners and custodians. For millennia they have cared for the land through their law, customs and spirituality. We pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging and commit ourselves to working for reconciliation and justice.

Sunday 21st November 2021

Service Today

10am Communion Service
Rev Steve Crump

Next Sunday

10am Worship Service
Rev Ross Carter

Welcome to all who worship at Auburn today.
The order of service proceeds without announcement.
Responses by the congregation are in bold type.

Please wear a mask, sign in for contact tracing purposes.
Sit 2 metres apart from non-members of your household.

Christ The King

Communion Setting: *Eucharist* Cox/Skinner

ORGAN PRELUDE

INTROIT

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread:
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

Words and music: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you and peace from the One who is and who was and
who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the
firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

HYMN 216: *Rejoice the Lord is King*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Join our prayers with those of your servants...
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty God and Father, now and
forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
The cup we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

During Communion the choir sings *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*
Words: Liturgy of St James (*Together in Song* 497)
Music: French carol arr. Stephen Cleobury (1948 – 22 November 2019)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN 228: *Crown him with many crowns*

BENEDICTION:

DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE:

(Please remain seated until the end of the postlude)

NOTICES

Today 21 November:

- BYO Church Lunch at noon in the Hall
- **Tower Open 4-8 pm** there are some time slots available at the door
- **Vintage Rover Car Display** on the Church grounds 4-8pm

Flowers Today: Daphne Arthur

Next week: Wendy Hughes Chuck

Reader Today: Alan Chuck

Next week: Avril McHugh

Readings: next week

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalms 25: 1-10

1Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Luke 21: 25-36

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Sunday Service

10 am weekly

Holy Communion:
monthly:

10 am: 3rd Sunday

Church Lunch:

12 noon in the Hall
monthly 3rd Sunday

Morning Coffee

10.15am monthly
1st Thursday, March
to November, in the
Eileen Pawsey
Room

Church Council:

7.45 pm monthly
2nd Thursday in the
Pawsey Room

*NB: Dates and times
may occasionally
change documented
in the pew sheet
notices*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, servant king, we confess our failure to grasp that your reign is found whenever domination is overcome, whenever justice is experienced, and whenever people are released from prejudice and exploitation. **Forgive us any involvement in the pursuit of power which exploits or demeans others.**

We confess our lack of commitment in seeking to transform systems which leave people powerless. Too often we prefer to leave the difficult tasks to others so that we can get on with our own safe agendas.

Forgive us when we forget that doing your will is our greatest priority.

Remind us, O God, that the power of the Holy Spirit enables us to witness to the values of your kingdom in and through all we do and say, and that thankfully this power far exceeds any apathy or fear on our part.

Renew us with your Spirit, O God, so that our lives testify to the truth of your kingdom revealed so fully in Jesus, servant king, in whose name we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

HYMN 147: *To God be the glory*

OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Samuel 23: 1-7

PSALM 132: 1-12

Refrain: **Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.**

O Lord, remember David and all the hardships he endured,
How he swore an oath to the Lord and made a vow to the mighty one of Jacob:

I will not enter the house where I live, nor will I climb into the bed where I rest.
I will not give sleep to my eyes or permit my eyelids to droop
until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the mighty one of Jacob.

At Ephrathah we heard of the Ark of God, and we found it in the region of Jearim.
and we said, 'Let us go into the dwelling place of the Most High
and kneel in worship at God's footstool.'

Arise, O Lord, and enter your resting place, you and the ark of your strength.
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful people cry out for joy.
For your servant David's sake, do not reject your anointed king.

The Lord made a sure promise to David, a promise that will never be revoked.
A son, the fruit of your body, I will set upon your throne.

REVELATION 1:4b-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia.** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Alleluia. *(Mk 11:9)*

GOSPEL: John 18: 33-37

SERMON

NOTICES AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**
(let us offer each other a sign of peace)

HYMN 533: *I come with joy to meet my Lord.*

INVITATION: Christ invites to his table all who confess him as Lord, who earnestly
repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

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.**

... joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn:
**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.**

We thank and praise you ... as he comes to us in this holy meal.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
By your word and Spirit, ... that he may ever live in us and we in him.
Amen. Come Holy Spirit.
Our Lord Jesus Christ, ... Therefore, as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.