

**St Stephen's Uniting Church Williamstown
Christ the King Sunday November 22, 2020**

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Welcome and introduction

Greetings to all gathered for worship on this special Christ the King Sunday, the last one in the Church's Year, the culmination of the Christ Story - the birth, life, death and resurrection, and exaltation of the Son of Man and Servant King.

Let us sing with joy, hymn 145 **The King of Love my Shepherd** is

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Confession

Gracious God of steadfast love and mercy, we are your people. Thank you for the gift of Jesus our Saviour whose presence within us brings new life and purpose as we follow his way of peace and justice.

Thank you for being with us in the time of trial and lockdown, although at times we have not recognized your presence, in the midst of fear, uncertainty and sorrow. O, God you know our strengths and weaknesses. Renew us by your Spirit and help us care truly for one another.

Your grace is sufficient for us. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

Over the past few weeks the Lectionary has dealt with Matthew's Gospel chapters 24-25 a series of difficult passages about the imminent return of Christ and how his followers must be prepared for this by being active and creative in their faith.

Matthew 25:31- 46 The Judgment of the Nations

Reflection

Hymn Community of Christ 473

Offering taken up during the hymn

Notices

Prayers for others

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

and forgive our sins as we forgive

those who sin against us.

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

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen

Sent out to serve

Hymn 231 At the Name of Jesus

Blessing

Now may the Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. 2Thess 2: 16-17

Song Shalom to you 770