

Christ Church Salisbury

Morning Service 7th Apr 2024

Christ's Coronation

"I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

(Psalm 2:6)

Call to Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Psalm 95:1,2

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

Creator Spirit, by whose aid The world's foundations first were laid, Come, visit every pious mind; Come, pour thy joy on human kind; From sin and sorrow set us free, And make thy temples worthy thee.

O source of uncreated light, The Father's promised Paraclete, Thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire, Our hearts with heavenly love inspire; Come, and thy sacred unction bring To sanctify us while we sing. Plenteous of grace, descend from high Rich in thy sevenfold energy; Make us eternal truths receive, And practise all that we believe; Give us thyself, that we may see The Father and the Son by thee.

Immortal honour, endless fame, Attend the almighty Father's name; The Saviour Son be glorified, Who for lost man's redemption died; And equal adoration be, Eternal Paraclete, to thee.

John Dryden (1631-1701)

Confession and Assurance

Hear the summary of the whole law, from our Lord Jesus Christ:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." (Matt 22:37-40)

Have mercy on us, O God

According to your unfailing love; According to your great compassion.

God's word tells us:

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 Jn 1:8-9)

Let us therefore confess our sins against God, and against our neighbour, first in silence and then aloud together.

Please kneel or be seated.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." (1 Pet 2:24-25)

Psalm 24 (This Earth Belongs to God)

This earth belongs to God, the world, its wealth, and all its people; he formed the waters wide and fashioned every sea and shore.

(M) Who may go up the hill of the Lord and stand in the place of holiness?(F) Only the one whose heart is pure, whose hands and lips are clean.

Lift high your heads, you gates; rise up, you everlasting doors, as here now the King of glory enters into full command.

(M) Who is the King, this King of glory, where is the throne he comes to claim?(F) Christ is the King, the Lord of glory, fresh from his victory. Lift high your heads, you gates, and fling wide open the ancient doors, for here comes the King of glory taking universal power.

(M) Who is the King, this King of glory, what is the power by which he reigns?(F) Christ is the King, his cross his glory, and by love he rules

All glory be to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; from ages past it was, is now, and evermore shall be.

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God's Word

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-12 p. 257

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

"Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me,

"You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever, age after age. Amen!

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:23-31, p. 912

This is the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Christ's Coronation (Tim Edwards)

Baptism of Arthur Robin John Tonkin

I ask you who are members of the church family here at Christ Church Salisbury, will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Arthur in his life in Christ? **We will, with God's help.**

We will now renew our own baptismal covenant in the words of the Apostle's Creed. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead! I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he has said – to you, who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition – in sickness and health, in poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth; at home or abroad, on the land, on the sea, as days may demand, shall your strength ever be.

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed! For I am your God and will still give you aid: I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I cannot, desert to his foes; that soul, though all Hell should endeavour to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

Richard Keen (c.1787) MMRecords

Prayers of Intercession

Please remain standing for the Prayers of Intercession. But if you need to take a seat, feel free to do so. After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!

Please be seated.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

All baptised Christians who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, are welcome at this table. If you do not profess faith in Christ, please refrain from receiving the bread and wine.

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 him thanks and praise.

Please join in saying the Sanctus ("The Holy", based on Isaiah 6:3)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The stewards will distribute the wine and bread. Eat the bread as you receive it, but keep the wine until we all drink together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and eternal God, we thank you for reassuring us at this meal of your favour and goodness towards us, of your word for us. We thank you that we are truly members of the body of your Son, and that we are heirs, by grace, of your eternal kingdom. We humbly beg you, heavenly Father, to keep us as faithful members of your church, to strengthen us by your Spirit, to draw us together in love and unity, that we may serve through those good works which you have prepared for us to do through Jesus Christ our Lord, and for His glory, Amen.

Gifts and Offerings

Gifts and offerings may be placed in the offertory box at the back of the hall. *"Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce."* (Prov 3:9)

Psalm 98: Sing to Yahweh, Sing a New Song

Sing to Yahweh, sing a new song For the wonders He has done; His right hand and arm most holy Have for Him the vict'ry won. And the Lord revealed His rescue, His salvation He made known; In the sight of ev'ry nation He His righteousness has shown.

He recalled His love for Isr'el, And to them has faithful been; When our God sent His salvation, It around the earth was seen. Sing unto the Lord with gladness, All the earth sing joyful praise. To the Lord with harp make music, With the harp your voices raise. With the blast of horn and trumpet, Shout before the Lord, the King. Let the sea resound with praises, Earth, with all its people sing. Let the rivers in their gladness Clap their hands with one accord; Let the mountains sing together And rejoice before the Lord.

For most surely He is coming, Judge of all the earth to be. Justly He will judge the peoples, And the world with equity. Sing to Yahweh, sing a new song For the wonders He has done; His right hand and arm most holy Have for Him the vict'ry won.

Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the Name of Christ, Amen.

Notices & Notes

Please diarise and pray for the following:

Coming Up		
Thu 11 th April	Prayer Meeting at church	7.15pm
Sun 14 th April	Morning Worship	10am

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