**OOS HC Sunday 22nd NOVEMBER 2026 – HC - CHRIST THE KING**

## THE GATHERING

*Words of welcome or introduction*

**Opening Hymn: #41 At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow**

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated*

*The president says*

Christ the light of the world
has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

**(All) Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**
**we have sinned against you,**
**through our own fault,**
**in thought, and word, and deed,**
**and in what we have left undone.**
**We are heartily sorry,**
**and repent of all our sins.**
**For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,**
**forgive us all that is past;**
**and grant that we may serve you in newness of life**
**to the glory of your name.**
**Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory..

## CHILDREN LEAVE FOR SUNDAY CLUB

## THE FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24

11 '"For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after
them. 12 As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after
my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds
and darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I

will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. **14** I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. **15** I myself will tend my sheep and make them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. **16** I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.
**20** '"Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: see, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. **21** Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, **22** I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. **23** I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. **24** I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.
This is the word of the Lord
**(All) Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING – Matthew 25.31–46**
**The sheep and the goats**
31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
34 'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."
37 'Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?"
40 'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
41 'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me."
44 'They also will answer, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?"
45 'He will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me."
46 'Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
**(All) Praise to you O Christ**

**THE SERMON – Suzanne Bray**

**THE NICENE CREED –** *Please stand if you are able*

**(All) 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**
**and was made man.**
**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 INTERCESSION** Please be seated

*Response at the end of each prayer*
(Leader) Lord in your mercy,
**(All) hear our prayer**

Merciful Father,
**(All) accept these prayers,**
**for the sake of your Son,**
**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**THE PEACE –** *Please stand if you are able*

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
**(All) And also with you.**
*Let us offer one another a sign of peace.*

*All who have a practice of taking communion are welcome to receive the sacrament.*
*Please hold out your hands for a wafer.*
*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request as you arrive at the front.*
*If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward and keep your hands crossed across your chest.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN: #109 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**The Prayer of Preparation**
Generous and gracious God,
receive and bless these gifts for your holy work;
and bless everyone who offers them to you.
**(All) Amen**

**The Eucharistic Prayer H**
The Lord is here.
**(All) His Spirit is with us.**
Lift up your hearts.
**(All) We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**(All) It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**(All) You embraced us as your children**
**and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**(All) He opened his arms of love upon the cross**
**and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
**(All) Father, we do this in remembrance of him:**
**his body is the bread of life**.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
**(All) Father, we do this in remembrance of him:**
**his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
**(All) As we eat and drink these holy gifts**
**make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:
**(All) 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 Lord's Prayer**
Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us, each in our own language.

**(All) 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.**
**Lead us not into temptation**
**but deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power,**
**and the glory are yours**
**now and for ever.**
**Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**
We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**(All) Though we are many, we are one body,**
**because we all share in one bread.**

**Giving of Communion**
God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**(All) Jesus Christ is holy,**
**Jesus Christ is Lord,**
**to the glory of God the Father.**

***People come forward for communion***

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THE NOTICES

## CLOSING HYMN:

The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His,
And He is mine forever;
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth;
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

**Never failing, Ruler of my heart;**
**Everlasting, Lover of my soul;**
**On the mountain high or in the valley low,**
**The King of Love my Shepherd is,**
**The King of Love my Shepherd is.**

Lost and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me;
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me. ***(refrain)***

Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah! ***(refrain)***

And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever,
Within Your house forever.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Blessing*
Christ the good shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold;
and the blessing …

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in the peace of Christ.
**(All) Thanks be to God.**