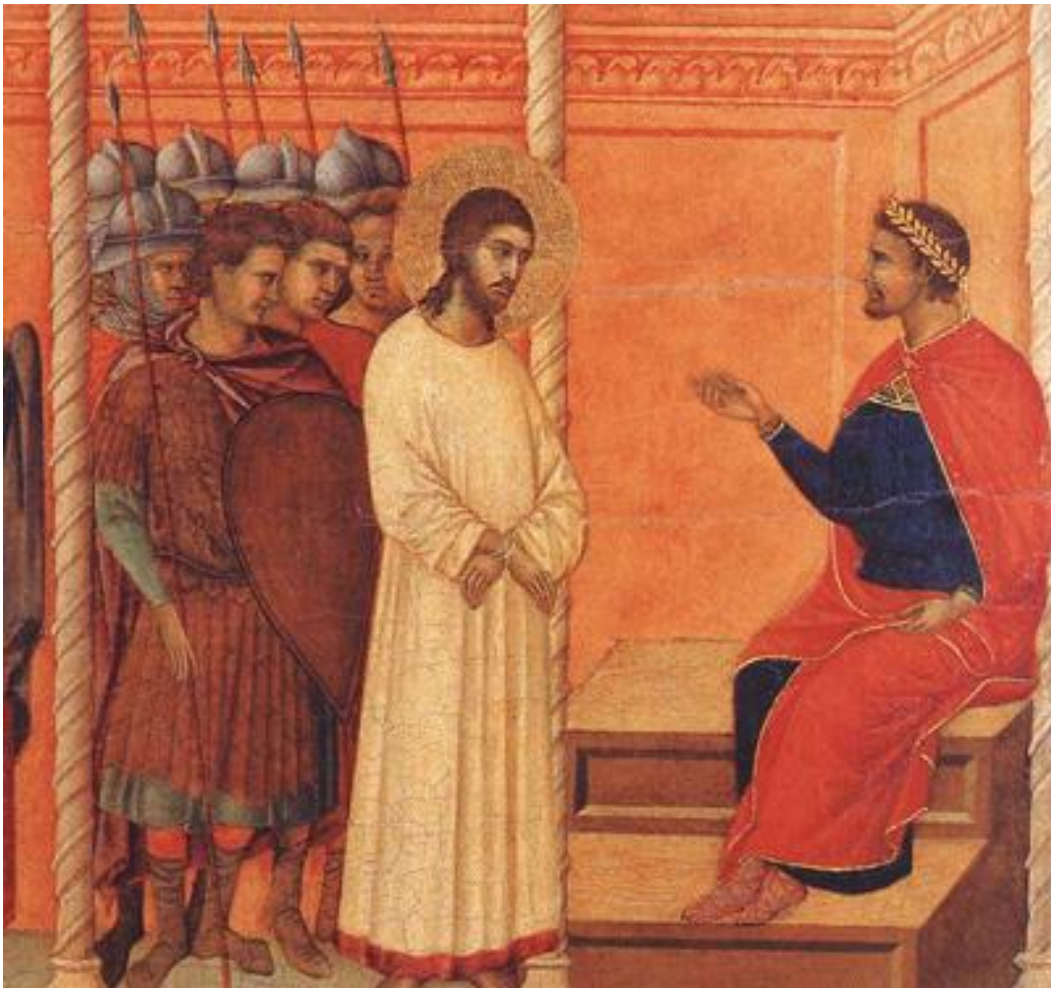


# ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

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Minister: Rev. James Aitken



'You are a King', said Pilate. Jesus answered, 'King is our word. My task is to bear witness to the truth.

(John 18: 37)

## Christ the King

Order of Service

21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

10.30am

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<https://www.facebook.com/stninianschurch/>

Good morning and welcome to everyone who has joined us on-line at St. Ninian's this morning. We hope you will enjoy our worship of God together today. As a congregation our mission is to, **'Worship God together, encourage personal faith and prayer, spread the Good News about Jesus Christ, and love and care for others in our community.'**

Sunday morning worship is held in the sanctuary at 10:30, and online on Facebook and YouTube:

<https://www.facebook.com/stninianschurch/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW-OUJ0F3JLO9vUD7KYMffa>

In the sanctuary, please wear a face covering and follow the directions of the stewards. You should have received a sign-in slip when you arrived. There are pens in the pew, please complete the slip and post it in the box as you leave.

This Sunday we celebrate **Christ the King**.

The feast of Christ the King is recognised by many denominations including the Church of Scotland. It was first marked in 1925 By the Roman Catholic Church in a time of rising totalitarianism. Christ the King was intended to assert the power of Christ in the world, over the power of war and totalitarianism. The bringing of the world into the order of God transcends political vision and political authority. On this Sunday also we look forward to Advent and the expectations of 'God with us' at Christmas through our actions in the world. Christmas is about much more than a baby in a manger; Christ came to rule as the Prince of Peace.

For children there is a **crèche** and a **Sunday School** for children. Visiting children are feel free to join in, please ask those on the door for guidance. The minister leading worship this morning is **Rev. James Aitken**. **Shahrukh Gill**, a ministry student attached to St. Ninian's, will be preaching the sermon. The organist (and pianist for the online service) is **Anne Kirkpatrick**.

St. Ninian's uses the Revised Common Lectionary is an approved week-by-week three-year cycle of biblical readings. The readings lead us from Advent through the Christian year, the Bible, and Jesus' life through birth, baptism, his public ministry, his death, resurrection and ascension.

WELCOME, INTIMATIONS and SHARING OF THE PEACE

*We welcome one another with Christ's words 'Peace be with you'.*

APPROACH TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 93: 1 - 2)

**HYMN 449** Rejoice! The Lord is King

Rejoice! the Lord is King,  
Your Lord and King adore.  
Mortals give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice; again I say: Rejoice!*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules both earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given:

Rejoice in glorious hope,  
For Christ, the Judge, shall come,  
and take his servants up  
To their eternal home:

*We then shall hear the archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!*

PRAYERS OF APPROACH, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE: John 18: 33 - 37

(New Revised Standard Version)

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

### SCRIPTURE: Daniel 7: 9 - 10 (New Revised Standard Version)

<sup>9</sup> As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.  
<sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousand served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgement,  
and the books were opened.

### SCRIPTURE: Revelation 1: 4 - 8 (New Revised Standard Version)

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **HYMN 279** Make way, make way, for Christ the King

Make way, make way, for Christ the King  
in splendour arrives;  
fling wide the gates and welcome him  
into your lives.

*Make way! Make way! For the King of kings!  
Make way! Make way! And let his kingdom in!*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,  
the prisoners to free;  
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,  
the blind shall see.

*Make way! Make way! For the King of kings!  
Make way! Make way! And let his kingdom in!*

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
who weep and sigh,  
with laughter, joy and royal crown  
he'll beautify.

*Make way! Make way! For the King of kings!  
Make way! Make way! And let his kingdom in!*

We call you now to worship him  
as Lord of all,  
to have no other gods but him:  
their thrones must fall!

*Make way! Make way! For the King of kings!  
Make way! Make way! And let his kingdom in!*

SERMON

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

### **HYMN 453** Christ, of God unseen the image

Christ, of God unseen the image,  
born before creation's birth  
through whom all things were created,  
all that live in heaven and earth –  
realms and rulers, thrones, dominions,  
powers great and forces small  
through and for him made and fashioned –  
he is in and over all.

Christ the firstborn of creation,  
Christ in whom all things cohere,  
all things' Maker, seen and unseen,  
low and lofty, far and near.  
Christ the head of his dear body,  
of his Church the living core,  
risen from the dead before us –  
him we gladly now adore.

Christ in whom the very fullness  
of the living God is found,  
Christ who reconciles creation  
turning earth to holy ground,  
Christ the home of God's good pleasure  
through whose blood is made our peace,  
in whose cross, beyond all measure  
is our freedom and release.

### OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Freely given, our offering supports the work of Christ's church and symbolises our spiritual dedication to the growing of the Kingdom of God.*

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING and INTERCESSION

*We give thanks for our blessings, and cry out for help for others and ourselves.*

## SENDING OUT

### **HYMN 458** At the name of Jesus

At the Name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess Him  
King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call Him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.

Brothers, sisters, name him  
with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder  
and with bated breath!  
He is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshiped,  
trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone Him;  
there let Him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true:  
let us grace support you  
in temptation's hour;  
and his will enfold you  
in its light and power.

In his Father's glory  
Christ shall come again,  
angel hosts proclaiming  
his return to reign.  
For all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess Him  
King of glory now.

### BENEDICTION

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**