

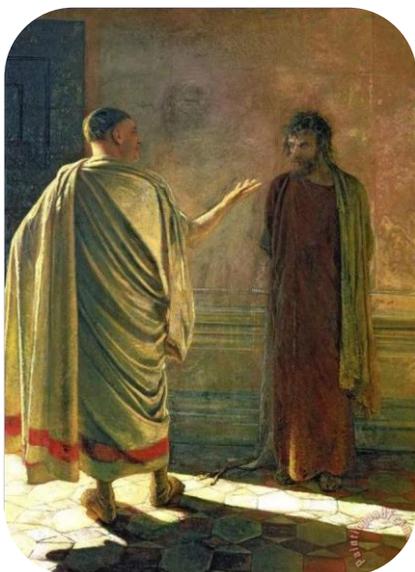
MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH

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Live Streamed Service Every Sunday

Sunday 21 November 2021 at 10.45am

Christ The King



'What is Truth' by Nikolai Nikolaevich Ge 1890

One Crown That No One Seeks

*One crown that no one seeks
And yet the highest head
Its isolation coveted
Its stigma deified*

*While Pontius Pilate lives
In whatsoever hell
That coronation pierces him
He recollects it well.*

Emily Dickinson

Led by Revd Helen Alexander
with the congregation in church and online



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AS A DIVERSE PEOPLE, THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP ALMIGHTY GOD

Organ Voluntary

Welcome & Church News

The Grace

Preparatory Silence for Worship

Introit - O God, the King of Glory

Words: Collect from the Book of Common Prayer

Music: Henry Purcell (1659 to 1695)

*O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thy only son
Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in
heaven; we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless,
but send to us thine Holy Ghost, to comfort us, and
exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour
Christ is gone before us. Amen*

Call to Worship – From Psalm 93

- Leader: The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;
All: the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.
- Leader: He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
**All: your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.**
- Leader: The floods have lifted up,
O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice;
All: the floods lift up their roaring.
- Leader: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
**All: more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the LORD!**
- Leader: Your decrees are very sure;
All: holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Hymn 471 To the name of our salvation (t. Westminster Abbey)

Gloriosi Salvatoris

15th century

1. To the name of our salvation
laud and honour let us pay,
which for many a generation
hid in God's foreknowledge lay,
but with holy exultation
we may sing aloud today.
2. Jesus is the name we treasure,
name beyond what words can tell,
name of gladness, name of pleasure,
ear and heart delighting well;
name of power beyond all measure,
saving us from sin and hell.
3. Jesus is the name exalted
over every other name;
in this name, whene'er assaulted
we can put our foes to shame:
strength to those who would have halted,
eyes to blind, and feet to lame.
4. Therefore we in love adoring
this most blessed name revere,
Holy Jesus, thee imploring
so to write it in us here,
that hereafter, heavenward soaring,
we may sing with angels there.

Prayer of Approach and 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, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn 78 Oh, set ye open unto me

(t. Southwark)

PSALM 118: 19 - 25, 28, 29

1. O set ye open unto me
the gates of righteousness;
then will I enter into them,
and I the Lord will bless.
2. This is the gate of God, by it
the just shall enter in.
Thee will I praise, who answered me
and hast my safety been.
3. That stone is made head corner-stone,
which builders did despise:
this is the doing of the Lord,
and wondrous in our eyes.
4. This is the day God made, in it
we'll joy triumphantly.
Save now, I pray thee, Lord; I pray,
send now prosperity.
5. Thou art my God, I'll thee exalt;
my God, I will thee praise.
Give thanks to God, for he is good:
his mercy lasts always.

The Last Words of David

23 Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

2 The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.

3 The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,

4 is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

5 Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

Anthem Rejoice the Lord is King

Words: Charles Wesley (1707 to 1788)

Music: Bryan Kelly (b. 1934)

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, 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 has purged our stains, He took his seat above; Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' 34 Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' 35 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?' 36 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.' 37 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.' 38 Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

Hymn 520

Ye who the name of Jesus bear

(t. St Peter)

PARAPHRASE 52, verses 1, 3 - 6

1. Ye who the name of Jesus bear,
his sacred steps pursue;
and let that mind which was in him
be also found in you.
2. His greatness he for us abased,
for us his glory veiled;
in human likeness dwelt on earth,
his majesty concealed:
3. Nor only as a man appears,
but stoops a servant low;
submits to death, nay, bears the cross,
in all its shame and woe.
4. Hence God this generous love to all
with honours just hath crowned,
and raised the name of Jesus far
above all names renowned.
5. That at this name, with sacred awe,
each humble knee should bow,
of hosts immortal in the skies,
and nations spread below.

Sermon

Revd Helen Alexander

Hymn 269**Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round***(t. Song 1)*

Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way,
guide of the nations from the night profound
into the glory of the perfect day:
rule in our hearts, and keep us ever true,
directed, strengthened, and upheld by you.

We are your own, the children of your love,
your family, with your beloved Son;
come to us, Holy Spirit, like a dove,
and fill our hearts that we may be as one;
as one with you, our comforter and friend;
as one with him, our way, our life, our end.

We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
one in our love of all things kind and fair,
one with the joy that finds a voice in song,
one with the grief that trembles into prayer,
one in the power that sets us free from fear
to follow truth, and so to find you near.

**Prayer of
Thanksgiving and for Others**

Hymn 459 Crown him with many crowns*(t. Diademata)*

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| <p>1. Crown him with many crowns,
 the Lamb upon his throne;
 Hark! how the heavenly anthem
 Drowns - all music but its own.
 Awake, my soul, and sing
 of him who died for thee,
 and hail him as thy matchless King
 through all eternity.</p> | <p>2. Crown him the Lord of life,
 who triumphed o'er the grave,
 and rose victorious in the strife
 for those he came to save.
 His glories now we sing
 who died and rose on high,
 who died eternal life to bring,
 and lives that death may die.</p> |
| <p>3. Crown him the Lord of love;
 behold his hands and side,
 rich wounds yet visible above,
 in beauty glorified.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!
 for thou hast died for me:
 thy praise shall never, never fail
 throughout eternity.</p> | |

Closing Responses

Leader: God keeps those of a steadfast mind in peace.

All: In God we put our trust.

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: We shall serve the Lord with thankfulness and joy.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Voluntary

This Morning's Music by the Chamber Group The two presentations form the Chamber Group for "Christ the King" were composed some three hundred years apart. **The introit**, found in the library of York Minster, is in three sections. The first employs both chordal and polyphonic devices with great harmonic inventiveness. There follows a simpler central section in triple time before the final robust section reverts to the tempo of the opening. The punchy and rhythmic twentieth century **anthem** by Bryan Kelly, one time teacher at the Royal College of Music, is an exuberant setting of a well known hymn. It grabs the attention with strong unison passages and some incidents of clashing harmonies. Even the gentler middle section maintains the latent tension.

NEWS AND INTIMATIONS

1. **OPEN TO ALL** Tea/Coffee will be served in the Bill McDonald Hall at the close of this service. Everyone is very welcome. *If you are a visitor and would like to be accompanied to coffee, a member of the welcome team will be in the vestibule at the end of the service to take you there.*
2. **GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE – DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES** Please note – the deadline for submitting articles for the next edition (December/ January) of the parish magazine **is this Friday (26th) at 6.00pm**. The following opportunity to publish articles will be in the February 2022 edition.

3. NEWINGTON CHURCHES TOGETHER

Advent Studies An Advent discussion group of up to 8 participants will meet in the session room at Craigmillar Park church, weekly during the 4 weeks of Advent, on Tuesday 30 Nov, Wed 8 Dec, Wed 15 Dec and Wed 22 Dec. All meetings will be at 2pm. There will be tea and coffee available. The discussion will be based on 'Long Expected', a study guide newly produced for Advent 2021 by John Birch see www.faithandworship.com

Anyone from the Newington area is welcome to participate; if numbers exceed 8, or if anyone prefers to meet using Zoom, further groups can be formed. To register interest, and to get a copy of the study material, please contact Ann Thanisch (email annthanisch@gmail.com; mobile 0781 494 9468).

Carol singing in the community Please join singers from up to 9 Newington churches singing carols at the entrance to Cameron Toll shopping centre on Sunday December 5, at 1.30pm. Just turn up anytime till around 2.30pm.

4. **YOUTH UPDATE** Youth Group Sun. 21 Nov 6:00-7:30pm: All ages (P6-S6) are invited to the Bill McDonald Hall for our evening celebrating Thanksgiving where we will be enjoying some pumpkin pie and other American traditions together. We will be discussing food and housing insecurity in Edinburgh, and will have a visitor from Mayfield Salisbury's Bethany team to learn more about the wonderful work they are doing to help people across the city. Hillary will be collecting donations for Bethany that evening, so please be in touch to see what items are needed at this time!

Christmas Colouring & Art wanted! We are asking all children and young people to help us decorate our orders of service and church website throughout the Christmas season! From Sunday 14 November, there will be Christmas colouring pages available for children and young people to take home with them after church, which can be coloured-in and emailed to Hillary between now and 16 December. Please feel free to also create your own designs!

Advent Activity Packs - All families will be receiving an Advent activity pack with ideas for ways in which families can engage in Advent practices at home together! Packs are available for collection after the service on 21 November, and will be mailed out the following week to those unable to collect it in person.

Readings of Faith - After many months on Zoom, the Readings of Faith group will be resuming in person on Tuesday 30 November from 7:30-9 PM in the Youth Room of Church House. We are looking to grow our group numbers - all adults are welcome! At each meeting you can expect chat over tea and coffee to begin, followed by discussion about short readings developing our faith and spirituality. For the meeting on the 30th, the group will be discussing the first chapter of Paula Gooder's Advent book "The Meaning is in the Waiting." Meetings will happen every 4-6 weeks. All adults welcome! To find out more, please speak with our youth worker Hillary Leslie at hillary.mayfielddyouth@gmail.com.

5. **GIFT SERVICES SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2021**

SIMPSON HOUSE is part of the CrossReach group of caring services. Their need is for toys and gifts for children from babyhood to mid-teens. I haven't mentioned footballs so far this year, but they are most welcome together with accessories such as shin guards and goalie gloves. Toiletries and art materials suitable for late primary age and early secondary are welcome in this box together with graphic novels. Simpson House runs a project called The Sunflower Garden and would appreciate any child-friendly stationery and craft items. Play-doh, glitter pens, felt-tips, plain paper, ordinary or coloured pencils, rubbers and sharpeners and colouring books would be good.

WOMEN'S AID continues to run its safe-houses, but the head office is open only to a limited number of staff. Therefore, they would once more appreciate vouchers to enable their service users to choose gifts themselves. Vouchers for Sainsbury's or Morrison's supermarkets are particularly useful. They also have a Just-Giving page live online for anyone who wishes to donate directly. www.justgiving.com/campaign/EWA2021

Wrapping paper and gift tags are most welcome for our appeal. With thanks, but second-hand items, second-hand clothing and alcohol cannot be placed. Our appeal also welcomes cash if you are unsure of what to buy.

Anne Graham - 0131 667 6331

6. **SERVICE TO REMEMBER LOVED ONES** Sunday 5 December at 7.00pm. If in the run up to Christmas you are feeling the loss of a much-loved family member or friend, and perhaps have not had the opportunity to have a service of thanksgiving due to the pandemic, do join us in the church on the evening of Sunday 5 December to remember, reflect and give thanks for their lives. It will be a quiet, contemplative service for peace and healing, to which all are welcome.

7. **A BOOK FESTIVAL OF 'LITERATURE, RELIGION AND IMAGINATION'** is being held from 3 - 5 December at New College, to celebrate its 175th anniversary, with a stellar line up including Robert Harris, Sally Magnusson, Val McDermid, Miles Jupp and many others. Sandy Forsyth will be hosting the Iona Community part of the event on the Friday afternoon - please take a flyer at the rear door of the church. For programme and tickets, please visit - <https://blogs.ed.ac.uk/wintertales/>
8. **EXPLORING PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION – WEDNESDAYS AT 7.00PM DURING DECEMBER** In the dark of winter, Christians traditionally use prayer and contemplation to open themselves up to the coming of God in Advent. Join us as we explore a range of Advent prayer practices that help us to become more aware of God with us. Practices that also connect us to a community of people, past and present, who have prayed in these ways. The informal sessions, led by our student minister, Reuben Addis, will start with lighting an advent candle, a stilling exercise, and then several different styles of contemplative prayer often drawing on different senses and on our imagination. It would be helpful if you could book in advance (numbers limited to fifteen), by mailing Reuben reuben.addis@churchofscotland.org.uk or 0786 791 5022.
9. **COLLECTION** Most of those who attend worship support our work through standing orders, but before the first lockdown we also had a plate collection during the service for visitors and those who preferred that form of offering. Covid restrictions still prevent us passing a plate during the service. **Instead we are now inviting those who would have put offerings in the plate** during the service to do so at the close of the service. In the halls entrance and in the vestibule, you will find a bowl or plate marked 'Plate Collection'. Regular and one-off **donations**, are still possible online through: www.give.net/20311853 or by contacting our Freewill Offerings Treasurer, Hugh Somerville on 0131 466 2446 or hs.somerville2@gmail.com
10. **THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND THE CHURCH AFTER COP26:** What now for people of faith? A lecture at Mayfield Salisbury Church on Sunday 28th November at 7.00pm by Alastair McIntosh, renowned spiritual thinker and climate activist, author of the highly acclaimed book 'Riders on the Storm: The Climate Crisis and the Survival of Being'. All welcome: please register your intention to attend either by using the eventbrite link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-climate-crisis-where-now-after-cop26-a-lecture-by-alastair-mcintosh-tickets-201790088587> or by leaving a message on the church office phone 0131 667 1522. For those unable to attend in person, the event will also be livestreamed: details on the church website.

11. **STAFF HOLIDAYS** Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth is on annual leave from 17 November to 24 November inclusive.

Hillary Leslie is on annual leave from 22 November to 30 November inclusive.

12. **MIDWEEK PRAYERS** You are most welcome to attend a time of peace, prayer and reflection in the church sanctuary, this Tuesday at 10.00am.

13. **CROSSREACH PERINATAL SERVICES – NOVEMBER GIVING**

Mayfield Salisbury's 'local' charity, continue to offer online support to families and are pleased to be also welcoming families into the building at Simpson House in Queen Street for face-to-face counselling which comes with creche support. They are also offering infant massage and a new prenatal group for the pregnant mums on their waiting list.

CrossReach PNS would appreciate our help now, more than ever. Instead of our usual bucket collection, we are asking you to help by giving direct to CrossReach Perinatal Services in one of the following ways:

• **Online giving.** Visit the crossreach.org.uk page and click the purple 'Donate' button at the top right of the page. This takes you to a Just Giving page which is for general CrossReach donations but there is a box in which you can 'Add a message of support' and please would you type in there that the donation is for Perinatal Services (or PNS) which will ensure funds are routed to PNS. Please note that Just Giving automatically adds a platform fee but this can be changed to zero if preferred (with no reduction in the amount that is then routed to PNS). There is also the opportunity to gift aid your donation.

• **Postal giving.** CrossReach would be happy to receive any cheques by post which should be payable to 'CrossReach' and sent to Supporter Development, CrossReach, Charis House, 47 Milton Road East, Edinburgh, EH15 2SR. If you could send cheques with a covering letter to let CrossReach know that the donation is for perinatal services, and if you wish to gift aid then please note that in your letter. In order to gift aid, CrossReach needs a note of your name and address.

If you have any questions, please contact Ailsa Garland (Committee co-ordinator) on 07793 197858 or at ailsa.garland@gmail.com.

14. **PRAYER CHAIN** Would you or someone you know appreciate being held in prayer by our small group of prayer chain members. Once a week we receive an email with a list of names of people who have asked for specific prayers. We continue to pray for those people throughout the week. If you would like to join our confidential, committed group or have a request for a prayer, contact Kay McIntosh.
15. **COFFEE AND BLETHERS** has resumed: every Thursday at 2.00pm to 3.30pm in the Bill McDonald hall. If you would like to join in please contact Kay on 07903 266 307 kay@backedge.co.uk. (For covid reasons you do need to register if you want to attend).
16. **GUILD** The next meeting of Edinburgh Southside Guild is on 7th December at 2.00pm at Craigmillar Park Church. We are having a Christmas party! Please bring along a small wrapped gift. Everyone is welcome!
17. **PASTORAL CARE** As winter approaches perhaps you would now like to have a visitor assigned to you or receive regular phone calls. Do you know of anyone who is ill or going into hospital and would benefit from a visit from our pastoral care team? Please contact Kay on **07903 266 307** or kay@backedge.co.uk

Books for the Journey

Steve Aisthorpe, *Re-Wilding the Church* (2020)

John Bell, *Living with the Psalms* (2020)

Alistair McIntosh, *Riders on the Storm: The Climate Crisis and the Survival of Being* (2nd Ed., 2021)

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Forthcoming Deadlines

Order of service for next week: Thursday at 6.00pm.

Next Grapevine: Friday 26 November at 6.00pm.

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