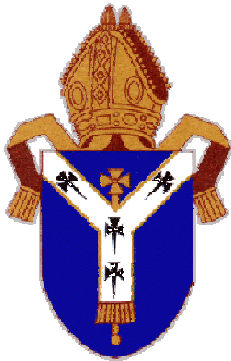


Celebrating Discipleship



24/7
live it!

*A service of thanksgiving
for the
Diocesan Year of Discipleship*

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*Canterbury Cathedral
20th Nov 2011
Christ the King*

Celebrating Discipleship on the Feast of Christ the King

We gather in our Archdeaconries in different areas of the Cathedral:

*Ashford in the Crypt
Canterbury in the Quire
Maidstone in the Chapter House*

Liturgy of Welcome

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Christ has ascended on high.
He reigns for ever. Alleluia.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to Christ the King. Alleluia.

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians:

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. *(Eph 1:15-16)*

Introduction and period of reflection during which we fill in our individual postcards.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory,
give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation
as we come to know him.
**May we, with our hearts enlightened,
know the hope to which God has called us.**

May we know the riches of God's glorious inheritance,
and the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Restore, O Lord,
The honour of Your name,
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again;
That men may see and come with reverent fear
To the living God, whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

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14 STRENGTH WILL RISE AS WE WAIT UPON THE LORD

We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord *(repeat)*

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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15 THE SPLENDOUR OF THE KING, CLOTHED IN MAJESTY

Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names, worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great is our God

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O Lord, over the nations now
Where is the dove of peace?
Her wings are broken
O Lord, while precious children starve
The tools of war increase
Their bread is stolen

O Lord, dark powers are poised to flood
Our streets with hate and fear
We must awaken!
O Lord, let love reclaim the lives
That sin would sweep away
And let your kingdom come

Yet, O Lord, your glorious cross shall tower
Triumphant in this land
Evil confounding
Through the fire your suffering church display
The glories of her Christ
Praises resounding!

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13 RESTORE, O LORD,

The honour of Your name,
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again;
That men may see and come with reverent fear
To the living God, whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Restore, O Lord,
In all the earth Your fame,
And in our time revive
The church that bears Your name.
And in Your anger, Lord, remember mercy,
O living God, whose mercy shall outlast the years.

Bend us, O Lord,
Where we are hard and cold,
In Your refiner's fire
Come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes and evil crouches near,
Still our living God is reigning, He is reigning here.

**God put this power to work in Christ
when he raised him from the dead
and seated him at his right hand,
far above all rule and authority and power and dominion**

God has put all things under his feet
and has made him the head over all things.
**We are God's church, his body.
We are God's handiwork, created to do good works
which God has prepared for us.** *(From Ephesians 1)*

We move to the nave, joining in the singing of:

1 WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, marching, we are marching Oh Oh
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, marching, we are marching Oh Oh
We are marching in the light of God

We are living etc

Traditional South African

Welcome by Bishop Trevor

with cheering and waving of ribbons!

A reflection on the Year of Discipleship and a reading from the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 28:16-20)

Presenting our Intentions

We sing a hymn during which parish representatives present their parish intentions to the Bishop, who receives them with this prayer:

Almighty God, you call your church to follow
in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen Lord and King.
We have offered to you our determination
to walk with him from here until the end of our lives.
But without you we are not able
to achieve any good work.
So by the power of your Holy Spirit
+bless and equip your people:
strengthen our resolve, heal our failure,
overcome our reticence, reign over us,
and use us to extend your kingdom.
For the glory of your name we pray.
Amen.

*We then hold up our individual postcards, the Bishop invites us to pray, and
then uses this prayer:*

Lord Jesus Christ,
you call us to come to you,
to follow you,
to learn from you,
to be changed by you,
and to go in your name.
Look upon the intentions of our hearts:
see our determination and not our failings,
our aspirations and not our weakness,
and lead us forward on our journey of discipleship,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

A Liturgy of Thanksgiving:

For creating us to know him
God be praised.
For dying for our salvation
Christ Jesus be praised.
For living within us
The Spirit be praised.

11 NOW MAY THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU, BE WITH YOU

Now may the peace of the Lord be with you, be with you
Now and always

May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you
And may God's face shine upon you always
And give you peace, and give you peace

Now may the peace of the Lord be with you, be with you
Now may the peace of the Lord be with you, be with you
Now and always

May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you
And may God's face shine upon you always
May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you
And may God's face shine upon you always
And give you peace
And may God's face shine upon you always
And give you peace

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12 O LORD, THE CLOUDS ARE GATHERING

The fire of judgement burns
How we have fallen!
O Lord, you stand appalled to see
Your laws of love so scorned
And lives so broken

<i>(Men)</i>	Have mercy, Lord,
<i>(Women)</i>	Have mercy, Lord,
<i>(Men)</i>	Forgive us, Lord,
<i>(Women)</i>	Forgive us, Lord
<i>(All)</i>	Restore us, Lord
	Revive your church again
<i>(Men)</i>	Let justice flow
<i>(Women)</i>	Let justice flow
<i>(Men)</i>	Like rivers
<i>(Women)</i>	Like rivers
<i>(All)</i>	And righteousness like a never failing stream

9 MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY, MANHOOD AND DEITY,

In perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
For this is your God, this is your God.*

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,
And as they crucify prays: 'Father forgive.'

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne.

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10 MY LORD, WHAT LOVE IS THIS

That pays so dearly
That I, the guilty one may go free!

*Amazing love, O what sacrifice
The Son of God given for me
My debt he pays, and my death he dies
That I might live, that I might live*

And so they watched him die, despised, rejected
But oh, the blood he shed flowed for me!

And now, this love of Christ shall flow like rivers
Come wash your guilt away, live again!

*Amazing love, O what sacrifice
The Son of God given for me
My debt he pays, and my death he dies
That I might live, that I might live
(Last time only) That I might live!*

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For giving us a life of purpose
God be praised.
For calling us to follow
Christ Jesus be praised.
For equipping and empowering us
The Spirit be praised.

For a place prepared in glory
God be praised.
For new life out of death
Christ Jesus be praised.
For the hope of heaven in our hearts
The Spirit be praised.

God has called us, and we have heard his voice.
He who began a good work in us will bring it to completion.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Songs of worship (during which we will take up an offering
towards the expenses of this Celebration)*

Call to Action

A reading from the book of Revelation: (Rev 4:1-11)

*Bishop Trevor brings a 'Call to Action' for the future,
and then leads this Liturgy of Dedication:*

As disciples of our King Jesus Christ,
I ask you at the end of this Year of Discipleship
to pledge yourselves to continue to come, follow, learn,
change and go
to make new disciples to the glory of God.

Will you come daily to Christ,
the source of our life,
that you may be daily renewed?
With the help of God, we will.

Will you continue to follow him, through good times and bad,
into the comfortable and the difficult places,
wherever he will lead you?
With the help of God, we will.

Will you learn from him the way of Life,
as he plants his truth in your hearts,
and equips you for the journey ahead?
With the help of God, we will.

Will you embrace change gladly,
believing that God's plans for you are for good, and not for evil?
With the help of God, we will.

Will you go forth into the world filled with the Spirit of Christ our King,
work with him in the growth of his kingdom
and the building of his church?
With the help of God, we will.

*Pause for silent prayer, and to read through the following prayer,
before praying together:*

We are no longer our own, but yours.
We are no longer our own, but yours.
Put us to what you will, rank us with whom you will;
put us to doing, put us to suffering;
let us be employed for you or laid aside for you,
exalted for you or brought low for you;
let us be full, let us be empty;
let us have all things, let us have nothing;
We freely and wholeheartedly
yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are ours and we are yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which we have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.

7 KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY,
God of Heaven living in me,
gentle Saviour, closest friend,
strong deliverer, beginning and end,
all within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow, I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve I live to serve your majesty.*

Earth and Heaven worship you,
love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne;
all within me cries out in praise.

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8 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!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings. (For the King of kings.)
Make way! (Make way!)
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.

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
Who weep and sigh;
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify.

We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all.
To have no gods before Him,
Their thrones must fall!

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5 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.

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.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges 1852

6 FROM HEAVEN YOU CAME, HELPLESS BABE,
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King, He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said.

Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone Him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

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Having renewed our commitment to Christ our King,
Let us pray for the coming of his kingdom in the words he taught us:

**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 forever. Amen.**

*Songs of worship, during which the people are sprinkled with water,
to the words:*

Remember your baptism into Christ, and live it 24/7!

The Blessing:

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to follow Christ Jesus as your Lord and king.
(p) Amen!

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
reigning over all creation,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.
(mf) Amen!

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.
(f) Amen!

And the blessing ...
(ff) Amen!

The Peace

Go forth as disciples of Jesus Christ.
Remember that to crown all things, there must be love
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
(fff) And also with you. Amen!

*Final songs of worship as the people share God's peace
with one another and leave.*

Hymns and Songs

2 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Edward Perronet 1779

3 ALL I ONCE HELD DEAR, BUILT MY LIFE UPON

All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

*Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love you, Lord*

Now my heart's desire is to know you more
To be found in you and known as yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness

Oh, to know the power of your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like you in your death, my Lord
So with you to live and never die

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4 ALL THE ROOM WAS HUSHED AND STILL

And when the bowl was filled
He stooped to wash their feet
And when it was complete, he said

*This is what I'm asking you to do
This is why I'm kneeling here beside you
This is what I want my church to be
This is what I want the world to see who it is you follow*

Love each other, one another
Love each other
In the way that I have loved you
Walk together, and whatever comes
Love each other
In the way that I have loved you

Let the room be hushed and still
Let us go to where he kneels
And join him as he serves
And learn his ways of love

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