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Sunday 23 November 2025 – Reign of Christ

Our service today is led by Rev Andrew Doubleday, Ministry Facilitator, of the Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Welcome to our service this morning.

In working together on our shared mission, we commit to seven core values:

Togetherness, Humility, Curiosity, Love, Inclusiveness, Justice, Sustainability.

Curiosity: we are committed to a life of learning, questioning, and exploring the mystery of God, Jesus, and the Bible.

Welcome to Rev Andrew and Lynne Doubleday

Reading for Today:

Luke 23: 33 - 43

Message for Today: Rev Andrew's message can be accessed via the

following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5nTqom5_14

Hymns for Today:

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Hymn AA59: <u>He Came Singing Love</u>

Lyrics and Music by Colin Gibson

- 1. He came singing Love and he lived singing love; he died, singing love He arose in silence. For the love to go on we must make it our song; you and I be the singers.
- 3. He came singing hope and he lived singing hope; he died, singing hope. He arose in silence. For the hope to go on we must make it our song; you and I be the singers.

- 2. He came singing faith and he lived singing faith; he died, singing faith. He arose in silence. For the faith to go on we must make it our song; you and I be the singers.
- 4. He came singing peace and he lived singing peace; he died, singing peace. He arose in silence. For the peace to go on we must make it our song; you and I be the singers.

AA 44: Gentle God

(Lyrics: Jillian Bray Tune: Tawa)

- 1. Gentle God, when we are driven past the limits of our love, when our hurt would have a weapon and the hawk destroy the dove, at the cost of seeming weak, help us turn the other cheek.
- 2. Gentle Spirit, when our reason clouds in anger, twists in fear, when we strike instead of stroking, when we bruise and sting and smear, cool our burning, take our pain, bring us to ourselves again.

- 3. In the mirror of earth's madness let us see our ravaged face, in the turmoil of all people let compassion find a place, touch our hearts to make amends, see our enemies as friends.
- 4. Let our strength be in forgiving as forgiven we must be, one to one in costly loving, finding trust and growing free, gentle God, be our release, gentle Spirit, teach us peace.

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FFS 79: Who Will Carry the Cross With Me?

(Lyrics and Tune: Bill Bennett)

- "Who will carry the cross with me?" asks the Christ, the Son of God, "Who will carry the cross with me, walk the way of love?"
- 2. "Who will turn then and follow me?" asks the Christ, the Sone of God, "Who will turn then and follow me, hear the call and come?"
- 3. "Who will eat of my bread with me?" asks the Christ, the Son of God, "Who will east of my bread with me, broken and renewed?"
- 4. "Who will live every day through me?" asks the Christ, the Son of God, "Who will live every day through me?" showing fruits of grace?"

- 5. "Who will give up their life for me?" asks the Christ, the Son of God, "Who will give up their life for me?" and surrender all?"
- 6. "I will rise in my life for you? says the Christ, the Son of God, "I will rise in my life for you? dance for hope restored"

Hymn FFS 57: Song of Faith That Sings Forever

(Lyrics: Joy Cowley Tune: Colin Gibson)

- 1. Song of faith that sings forever through God's people, ages long, Word that holds the world together when our hearts take up the song, always, always, somewhere sounding, though the source we do not see, counterpoint to all despairing, it is hope that sets the key.
- 2. Song of faith in exaltation, rising through the vaults of prayer, tune of simple celebration offered up in open air, song in chapel and cathedral, descant to our daily tone, song from sickbed or in prison, faith must often sing alone.
- 3. And when life would overwhelm us, when there seems no song to sing, hear the constant voice of courage out of fear and suffering:
 all who've loved and trusted Jesus, all who lift us to be strong, endless, endless are the voices of the faith that makes the song.

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Sung Amen - Threefold