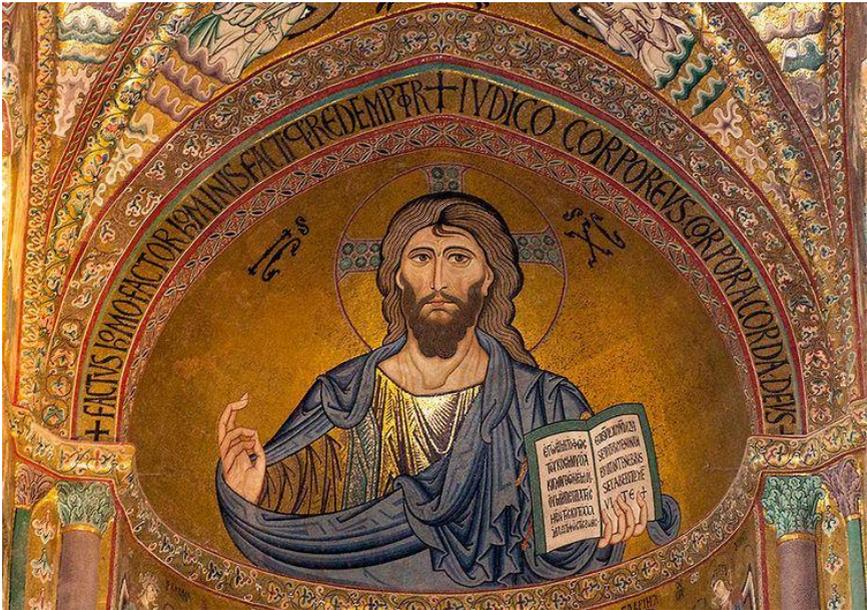


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**'A NEW KING' - EPHESIANS 1: 15-23**

**Sermon:** Rev. Kerry Buttram

**Liturgy:** Rev. Tirtsa Liefing

**Music:** Janny Knol-de Vries (organ) & Kitty Bazalgette (soprano)

**Testimony:** Lisa Gnanaraj

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

**Music - Organ**

**Welcome**

**Hymn - O God our help in ages past**

1 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home;

2 under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure.  
Sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

**Votum**

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made  
heaven and earth.

All: Amen.

**Greeting**

Minister: The Lord be with you!

All: The Lord bless you!

## Sharing the peace of Christ

### Saying sorry to God

*Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people:  
come among us and save us.*

Too often we misuse the gifts of your creation; to often we have condoned evil and dishonesty or we fail to strive for justice;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have heard the good news of Christ, and yet fail to live it and share it with others;  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

God we have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves;  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

### Words of assurance

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.**

### Hymn - Be Thou my vision

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.

Born of thy love, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

5 High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

### Prayer for illumination

#### Reading Ephesians 1: 15-23

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup>he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

## **Sermon 'A new King'**

### **Hymn - How sweet the name of Jesus sounds**

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.

3 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

4 How weak the effort of my heart,  
how cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see you as you are,  
I'll praise you as I ought.

### **Testimony by Lisa**

#### **Hymn - All people that on earth do dwell**

1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.  
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,  
come now before him and rejoice!

2 Know that the LORD is God indeed;  
he formed us all without our aid.  
We are the flock he surely feeds,  
the sheep who by his hand were made.

3 O enter then his gates with joy,  
within his courts his praise proclaim!  
Let thankful songs your tongues employ.  
O bless and magnify his name!

4 Because the LORD our God is good,  
his mercy is forever sure.  
His faithfulness at all times stood  
and shall from age to age endure.

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Ik geloof in God de Vader,  
de Almachtige, Schepper van  
de hemel en de aarde.

En in Jezus Christus, zijn  
eniggeboren Zoon, onze Here;  
die ontvangen is van de  
Heilige Geest.  
geboren uit de maagd Maria;  
die geleden heeft, onder  
Pontius Pilatus, is gekruisigd,  
gestorven en begraven,  
neergedaald in de hel; op de  
derde dag opgestaan uit de  
doden; opgevaren naar de  
hemel, en zit aan de  
rechterhand van God, de  
almachtige Vader;  
vandaar zal Hij komen om te  
oordelen de levenden en de  
doden.

I believe in God, the Father  
almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died,  
and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand  
of the Father,  
and he will come  
to judge the living  
and the dead.

Ik geloof in de Heilige Geest.  
Ik geloof een heilige,  
algemene, christelijke kerk,  
de gemeenschap der heiligen;  
vergeving van de zonden;  
opstanding van het lichaam;  
en een eeuwig leven. Amen.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen

## **RESPONSE TO GOD**

### **Intercessions**

#### **The Lord's prayer**

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.

#### **Hymn - The Church's one foundation**

1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
we are a new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and taught us  
what perfect love can be;

through life and death he sought us,  
and rose to set us free.

2 The church in ev'ry nation  
is one through all the earth;  
our charter of salvation,  
one God, one faith, one birth;  
one name together blessing,  
one holy food we share,  
to one hope ever pressing,  
at one in work and prayer.

## **BENEDICTION AND SENDING**

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Amen!

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen!

**Music - Organ**