ST NICHOLAS ORDER OF SERVICE 24th NOVEMBER 2024



Call to worship

- Leader: Come, let us be with our God, and with the Christ who reigns in this world.
- All: Come, let us celebrate our God, and with the Christ who walks with us in our streets.
- Leader: Come, let us praise our God, the Christ who rules our lives in love.
- All: Come, let us journey with our God, the Christ who moves from death to life.
- Leader: Come, let us worship our God, the Christ beside us who meets us here.
- **HYMN** Immortal, invisible, God only wise (CMP 327 / CH4 132 (4 verses) (Omit verse 5 in CMP)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

ALL AGE

- **Hymn** Meekness and Majesty (CMP 465 / CH4 356) (3 verses + chorus)
- **Bible** John 18: 33-37 The New International Version

Jesus before Pilate

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.

- **Reflection** "The King and I"
- **Hymn** Rejoice the Lord is King (CMP 575 / CH4 449) (5 verses + chorus for verses 1 to 4, different chorus for verse 5)

Presentation of the Offering

Offering Prayer (said together) God of love, we offer these gifts, small though they are. We offer our worship, imperfect though it may be. We offer our faith, weak though it is. We offer our love, poor though it seems compared to yours. God of love, take all we offer this day, flawed though we know it to be, and use it in ways beyond our imagination for your Kingdom and glory. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn To God be the Glory! great things He hath done (CMP 708 / CH4 512) (3 verses + chorus)

Benediction

Grace