

Service for Christ the King

Preparation

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

All In your light shall we see light.

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world

All a light no darkness can quench

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe: to you be glory and praise for ever! We rejoice in the glorious splendour of your majesty. **Amen**

Hymn

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith

The kingdom is yours, but we turn away from your just rule:

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy.

The power is yours, but we trust in our own power and strength:

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy.

The glory is yours, but we fall short of the glory of God.

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies

cleanse *us* from *us* sins,

and restore *us* in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

All **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All **and in our song will we praise our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Alleluia

The Psalm for the Week Psalm: 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;

**his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

after the Psalm shall be said

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

1st Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23: 15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Christ the King Acclamation

Lift up your heads, O gates;

Be lifted up, you everlasting doors

All and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory?

All The Lord, strong and mighty,

The Lord who is mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates;

Be lifted up, you everlasting doors

All and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory?

All The Lord of hosts,

He is the King of glory

2nd Reading: Matthew 25:31-46: 31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." 37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." 44 Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" 45 Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Reflection

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Peace: 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.

And also with you.

An opportunity to share people or situations for prayer

Prayers of Intercession Let us with confidence present our prayers and supplications to the throne of grace.

We pray for all those in positions of power, or soon to take up such a position, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people.

May your reign come:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church, the sign of your reign, that it may extend your welcome to people of every race and background.

May your reign come:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Christians of every denomination, that together we may come to understand the royal priesthood you bestowed on us in our baptism and confirmation.

May your reign come:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure.

May your reign come:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Stodden community of faith, that attentive to your word we may always worship in spirit and in truth.

May your reign come:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than the power of wealth and might. Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign. We ask this through Jesus Christ our King; to him be glory and power for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect for Christ the King: God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen.**

The Coronavirus Collect: Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress.

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Queen: Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Grace

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, order us in all our doings and guide us always to do what is righteous in your sight. **Amen**

Hymn

Conclusion

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen us to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

God the Son, who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for us at the right hand of the Father. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church, make us faithful servants of Christ our King. **Amen.**