



A Liturgy of the Word Feast of Christ the King Sunday

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The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.

Processional Hymn

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 love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Author : Matthew Bridges (1851)



Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come.

We come to worship the one who rules justly (2 Samuel 23:34).

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness

The firstborn of the dead,

The ruler of the kings of the earth! (Rev. 1:5)

Bread of Heaven, God with us! (John 6:51, Mt. 1:23.)

Good Shepherd, True Vine! (John 10:11, John 15:1.)

Eternal Word, Great I AM (John 1, John 8:58)

Wonderful Counsellor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6.)

We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! (Rev. 19.16.)

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! (Rev. 1:6.)

Opening Prayer

God most holy,

You are known to us as the Almighty, Powerful, Eternal, Ruler and Lord.

We call you our Shepherd and Guide.

We praise you with many names,

but you are beyond our imagination, so much greater than our words.

We know you in the stories of Jesus

and in him, we see your love in action, reaching out to the world.

You move in us and through us by your Spirit,

drawing us to you, sending us to live out your Word.

God most holy, Three in One and One in Three,

we praise you with our lips and with our lives

to offer you honour and love.

Amen.



Introductory Rite

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Praise the Lord:

Praise God, you servants of the Lord.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessed be God's Name, now and forever.

The Gloria

Udumo ku Nkulunkulu kweziphezulu,

Kub 'uxolo Emhlabeni kubantu,

Nkosi Nkulunkulu ngqongqoshe wase zulwini,

Nkulunkulu, Yise, Somandla.



Siyakhuleka
Sikudumisa
Siyakhuleka
Sikudumisa

Siyakhuleka, siyakubonga,
sikudumisa Ngenxa yobukhosi bakho.
Siyakhuleka, siyakubonga,
sikudumisa Ngenxa yobukhosi bakho.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Nkosi uJesu Kristo, Ndoda
Nkosi Nkulunkulu,
Wena osus' izono
ake uu-siha
Weno 'hlezi
Yamukela
Weno 'hlezi
Yamukela

na ezelwe nguye,
Mvana ka Nkulunkulu.
zomhlaba
wukele.
Weno 'hlezi kwesokunene sika Yihlo,
Yamukela ukucela kwethu.
Weno 'hlezi kwesokunene sika Yihlo,
Yamukela ukucela kwethu.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Ngoba nguwe wedwa
Nguwe wedwa
Nguwe wedwa,
Jesu Kristo,
Ukanye
Ebukhosini
Ukanye
Ebukhosini

owecwebileyo,
oyi Nkosi.
onguPhezukonke,
Jesu Kristo.
Ukanye noMoya Ocwebileyo,
Ebukhosini buka Nkulunkulu uYise.
Ukanye noMoya Ocwebileyo,
Ebukhosini buka Nkulunkulu uYise.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Let us pray.



The Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.**



The Kyrie

**Morena, re hauhele, u re hauhele
Morena re hauhele, re hauhele**

**Kriste re hauhele, u re hauhele
Kriste re hauhele, re hauhele**

**Morena, re hauhele, u re hauhele
Morena re hauhele, re hauhele**

The Penitence

*Mighty and merciful God,
we come with a sincere desire to walk in your ways and live under your reign.*

Hear us as we confess to you our sins:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father
in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you
through our own fault
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.**

**For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your Name.**



The Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you: pardon your sins and set you free from them; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

**Most High God, majestic and mighty,
our beginning and our end:
rule in our hearts and guide us to be faithful,
worshipping the One who comes as Saviour and Sovereign;
and who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**



The Word of God

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15–23

The Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Lord you are the Spirit and life
Alleluia, Alleluia**

**You have the words of lasting life
Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31–46

The Sermon

by Ven. Moses Thabethe

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.
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.**





Prayers of Intercession

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all ministries of the church throughout the world and especially, in the Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabay - Bishop of Colombo, The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando - Bishop of Kurunegala. May we continue to serve others as we ourselves have been served.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Lord of heaven and earth, you cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth in our Parish. Sustain those who work in children's ministry and youth ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

God of love and abundant mercy, it is your will to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into union with him. Bless our candidates who are to be admitted to First Holy Communion today. Strengthen their bond to you, give them a special love for the Eucharist, and mould them into living examples of your Gospel.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your wisdom to inspire politicians, judges, lawyers, and all who form and keep our laws. Work among us by your Spirit to recognize injustice and discrimination and enable us to work towards creating systems of fairness and trust.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your healing for those who are ill or in chronic pain, for those grieving the many losses of the pandemic, and for all who feel afraid for the future. Work among us by your Spirit to renew hope and sustain our support for each other.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. We thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

AMEN

Blessing of Offering

God of love and provision, in deep gratitude for life and for all the blessings that come from you, we offer back to you some measure of what we have been given.

Accept our offerings and use them and use us for the building up of your kingdom in this world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



The Lord's Prayer

As Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to sing:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord Jesus Christ, you proclaimed God's kingdom among us and within us. In the power of the Spirit, your love is always at work, bringing good out of evil and life out of death.

We thank you that your love never lets us go, for you have known the good times and the hard times of this life before us.

You came as one who was hungry and thirsty.

Where people live on the streets today, suffer from hunger, or beg for a meal:

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done.

You came as a stranger in need of welcome.

Where people live lonely lives or feel like strangers in a strange land; where love is lacking and people face rejection for the colour of their skin or the language they speak:

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done.

You came as one who was naked.

Where people lack enough clothing, shelter or life's basic resources; where people live without dignity, exposed to every kind of pain and hardship:

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done.

You came as one who was broken.

Where people feel pain in body, mind or spirit;

where someone grieves the loss of a beloved or the future they planned; in places where the pandemic has done its worst and desperation has moved in:

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done.



The Final Blessing

May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of His communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

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.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

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

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