

A Liturgy of the Word Christ the King
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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 love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways.
from pole to pole, that wars may cease and all be prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

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)



Call to Worship

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel
He has come to his people and set them free

In the tender compassion of our God:
The dawn from on high shall break upon us

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:
And to guide our darkness into the way of peace.

Let us pray.
God Almighty, you sent your Son, Lord of all creation,
into the world as the humble child of a carpenter.
As we gather today to celebrate Christ's reign, may his rule
be first and foremost within our hearts; that we would
know the way of humility and peace. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Tlotlo le be ho Molimo
Ea busang maholimong
Khotso e be teng lefatsheng
Ho batho ba lokileng
Re u boka ka thabo
Re phehella thorisong
Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Re ntse re u khumamela
Ka tumelo e phelang
A re rosiseng Molimo
Tebohong e sa feleng
U mohloli e moholo
Ea busang maholimong
Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Jesu mora oa Molimo
U konyana e tlosang
Libe tsa lefatshe lohle
Re batla ho u rata
U re hauhele bohle
Ba llang mona lefatsheng
Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

Collect for Purity

Let us pray.

**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

**Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison**

The Penitence

And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples,
“Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”
But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have
no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’
For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

In a time of quiet let us call to mind and confess 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.

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 forever. Amen.

The Word of God

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79 (replaces the Psalm)
Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia

Let your hearts rejoice in the Lord
Let your word proclaim his deeds
Let your voice sing out to the world
That our God has come to save

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:33-43

The Sermon

by Revd Matthew Wright



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

Gracious Father, we thank you for this time of worship; for the opportunity to gather to offer you praise and thanksgiving. Indeed, we are so mindful of the many ways you bless us and care for us. Foster within us a spirit of gratitude, and help us to use aright the resources, talents and abilities you have placed at our disposal. We know that you have called each of us to fulfil a specific purpose and vocation; guide us by your Spirit, that this may be achieved in our lives. Fill our hearts with compassion that we would care for our brothers and sisters who are finding it difficult to cope.

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

Lord of time and space, this Christ-the-King Sunday, we are reminded that you are Sovereign Lord of all the universe, that our world was created through you. But we hear too the groaning of creation and when we consider our hurting world, we realise that many of us have lost connection with nature. Fill us with a sense of urgency in preserving our natural environment; restore within us the love and respect we once had for the created world, that we would realise again that we are merely parts of a much greater whole.

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Indeed Father, we commit into your hands all our faithful departed, particularly those whose year's mind occurs this week [Insert names]. May your heavenly countenance shine upon them; and may the hope of the resurrection and our final union with our loved ones sustain us on our own faith journeys.

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

We make these prayers in the faith of our Lord, Jesus Christ, trusting in the infinite love and mercy of God. **Amen**

Prayer for Offering

Heavenly Father, once more we express our gratitude to you. We could never thank you enough for the blessings and love you shower upon us. May our lives be testimonies to others of your goodness and care. Now may you accept these our offerings as expressions of our thanks to you. May you bless them and use them for the purpose of your kingdom; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**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 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. The Kingdom
The power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen**

Final Blessing

Now may you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen**

Dismissal

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

Recessional Hymn

[O for a thousand tongues to sing](#)
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.



He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold the Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

Author: Charles Wesley (1739)



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