



A Liturgy of the Word Feast of Christ the King

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

Processional Hymn

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:
 Your Lord and King adore!
 Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
 And triumph evermore.
 Lift up your heart,
 Lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
 The God of truth and love;
 When He has purged our stains,
 He took his seat above;
 Lift up your heart,
 Lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail,
 He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 The keys of death and hell
 Are to our Jesus giv'n:
 Lift up your heart,
 Lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 Rejoice in glorious hope!
 Our Lord and judge shall come
 And take His servants up
 To their eternal home:
 Lift up your heart,
 Lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!



Author: Charles Wesley (1744)

Call to Worship

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

**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!**

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe





Collect for Purity

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleans 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

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison, Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison**

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:

**Have mercy on us, O God.
We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour.
We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.
We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.
Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.
Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

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

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132: 1-12; (13-18)
Revelation 1: 4b-8

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

Gospel Reading

John 18: 33-37

The Sermon

Fr. 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

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.



sung responses by Ven Moses Thabethe



We pray for the Church:

that the universal Church of Christ may be filled with renewed confidence in Christ as their Lord and King.

To Christ the King We pray

Lord may your kingdom come

We pray for peace in the world:

that all people of goodwill may be instruments of your peace and messengers of hope to those who are troubled in our country, in our communities and in our homes.

To Christ the King We pray

Lord may your kingdom come

We pray for the environment:

that there may be greater appreciation of the beauty and wonder of God's creation. and that we may be protectors and advocates of life for the earth and all its inhabitants.

To Christ the King We pray

Lord may your kingdom come

We pray for Christian unity:

that we may work actively to heal the divisions among the various Christian Churches and we may be of one heart and one mind.

To Christ the King We pray

Lord may your kingdom come

For the blessings of the past Liturgical Year:

We pray in gratitude for the children who have been baptised into the Faith, for all those who received Holy Communion and Confirmation. May we at St Michael's, continue to encourage and support them in their faith development.

To Christ the King We pray

Lord may your kingdom come

For people who grieve the loss of loved ones:

that the presence of friends and family may bring comfort, that the resurrection of Christ may be a source of hope and that the loss they experience may give way to seeds of new beginnings.

To Christ the King We pray

Lord may your kingdom come

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**

Prayer for 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

Song: Russian Version of "Our Father"

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.

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**

Dismissal

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

Recessional Hymn

**1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

**3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**





**4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**5 Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.**

Author: Isaac Watts (1719)



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