



*Chaplaincy of All Saints' Marseille
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Christ the King*

Welcome to our online service. Below you will find readings, prayers and links to music for this Sunday. There is also a reflection by our Reader, Jane Quarmby, published separately on the website, the text of which is included in the service.

Today, on the last Sunday before Advent, the Church celebrates Christ the King. The service will be in two parts. Reader Jane Quarmby will lead us through the Ministry of the Word. After the Peace our Chaplain, The Reverend Jamie Johnston, will celebrate the Eucharist and we will share in an act of Spiritual Communion, the prayer used where it is not possible for communicants physically to receive consecrated bread and wine.

The Gathering

The minister says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMolgEKVTOI>

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
'til thy mercy's beams I see;
'til they inward light impart,
cheer my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Ratisbon – William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The minister says

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.

cf Matthew 4.17

The kingdom is yours,
but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and strength:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory of God:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The minister says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Gloria

All say:

**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 Collect

The minister says

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble;

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;

3 Though the waters rage and swell, *
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, *
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

8 Come and behold the works of the Lord, *
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

9 He makes wars to cease in all the world; *
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire.

10 'Be still, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.'

11 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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.

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 the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_uJedtiOfs

To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,
They made a crown of thorns;
Set you with taunts along the road,
From which no one returns.
They did not know, as we do now,
How glorious is that crown:
That thorns would flower upon your brow,
Your sorrows heal our own.

In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord,
They snatched a purple cloak,
Your passion turned, for all they cared,
Into a soldier's joke.
They did not know, as we do now,
That though we merit blame,
You will your robe of mercy throw,
Around our naked shame.

A sceptered reed, O patient Lord,
They thrust into your hand,

And acted out their grim charade
To its appointed end.
They did not know, as we do now,
Though empires rise and fall
Your Kingdom shall not cease to grow
Till love embraces all.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Tune: Kingsfold – Traditional English melody, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Gospel Reading

Luke 23.33-43

The minister says

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

Luke 19.38

All **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

In September millions of people watched the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, some in the streets of London where flowers were strewn in front of the hearse, lining the way and keeping a respectful silence. Many more millions watched the pageantry and spectacle on TV, quietly at home. She had been a much-needed beacon of constancy, dignity, and a deep sense of duty, bolstered by a very strong Christian faith which she was not afraid to profess publicly. Although hers was a role of influence not power, she made her mark in the lives of millions. Her death was peaceful, at home in Balmoral, surrounded by people who loved and cared for her at the end of a very long life. In May next year her son will be crowned King in another beautifully orchestrated display of pomp and ceremony.

King Charles has waited a very long time to be crowned King, at the age of 73 he is the oldest person to ascend the throne. Born into a life of privilege and responsibility, a life lived in the glare of the spotlight of media attention, he may have wealth but his is not a lifestyle many would choose despite the material luxury he is surrounded by. And of course, he had no choice either. He may well have been happier as a farmer and gardener but that was not to be.

King Charles III is probably the embodiment of what we nowadays think of as a King, someone surrounded by wealth and glamour, with an important role but not actually in charge of anything – that is left to his government. He won't be asked to lead his armies into battle, despite his military service.

What a contrast to today's readings, all about Christ the King, a poor man who was brutally tortured, made to stagger to his place of death, killed when still a young man and buried in haste. He wasn't a military commander, he didn't live in a palace in the lap of luxury, he didn't have wealth or any kind of status. He was born in a stable and brought up as a carpenter's son. How could this man have been a King? Even the sign fixed to the cross piece that Simon was forced to carry, saying 'King of the Jews', was nailed there in mockery. We all have a pre-conceived idea of what others should be like, and this Jesus didn't fit that idea of a Messiah, God's Holy One, sent to save the Israelites. They thought their true King would be like David, a soldier, someone who would lead them into battle and win against the hated Roman occupiers of their land. The message of Jesus, of love, simply didn't fit. If they'd thought about it, then Jesus's message and preaching, his displays of compassion and healing, would ultimately mean the end of war and aggression if everyone followed them. They still would. We would have no more wars, no hunger, no homelessness, no cruelty to the weak. It would indeed have ushered in a new world, the like of which had never been seen before – one which deep down we all long for but have little idea how to reach.

Jesus knew what the consequences would be of his death, and said to the crowd of weeping and wailing women, that they should not cry for him but for themselves. Those who were deeply ashamed of never having children, he says will be better off soon as they won't know

the heartbreak of seeing their children crucified in front of them, when disaster strikes the people and they will wish that the mountains would fall on them and cover them. He is no rebel troublemaker although he is dying the death of one. He is, he says, the green wood. What does he mean by that? Well, if you try and set fire to green wood, wood that is still full of water, you'll struggle to light a fire. It's necessary to let the wood dry out, lose weight, become as they say, tinder dry. Then the wood will catch fire at a spark and cause huge destruction if you're not careful as we have seen in so many parts of the world this summer. So if Jesus is the green wood, and he, with all his urging for ways of peace and love is being tortured and killed, what will happen to those who are in effect dry wood – the rebels, the young hotheads eager to cause trouble for the Roman authorities? If they catch light, the reaction will be catastrophic for the Israelites. Rome will stamp out any resistance with callous savagery, so much so that all those caught up in it will be thankful they have no children to see grow up and become the rebels so meticulously hunted down and dying an agonising death on the cross as Jesus is about to do now through no fault of his own. And of course that is just what happens a few decades later.

Jesus is fulfilling his destiny of service to his sheep, his lost people, by dying a death normally reserved for rebels, and criminals. Everything about him during his life, spent offering peace and hope, mixing with the wrong people, healing whoever needed it, warning of what will happen if the people don't listen to him and mend their ways, has been at odds with his people's preconceptions. Because of that they wouldn't stop and think. Wouldn't recognise him for who he really is. Wouldn't see that he was the real deal, not just some rebel commander about to get them all into deep water.

It's summed up neatly by Luke in contrasting the polar opposite reactions of the two men crucified either side of Jesus. One joins in with the crowds taunting Jesus but the other realises that whilst he and the other one are in this situation due to their own acts, Jesus isn't. He believes in Jesus and is rewarded by him, being promised that he will be in paradise that very day. Like a king, Jesus promises him a place of honour and bliss.

Despite the jeering, the taunts, the cheap wine that only the poor drank, his clothes being raffled off, the pain, the distress it is causing his mother and others, his disciples running away and all the horrendous exhausting things that have happened to him in the last 24 hours, Jesus, unlike the majority of martyrs who died cursing their torturers, astonishingly prays for them to be forgiven.

With the benefit of hindsight, history has demonstrated to all Christians that Jesus was indeed the King. I began by thinking that there was such a contrast between Christ the King who owned so little and our own monarchs with their wealth and jewels and land, the ceremonies that they take part in, the public displays of so much wealth. But then I read about King Charles and his long fought battle against the damage we are doing to our planet, his son the future King, selling Big Issue magazines for charity, the charitable work the Royals do day in day out. And I attended sung communion with Garry at York Minister this month.

As we sat waiting for the service to begin, I looked up at the glorious, beautiful soaring stone ceiling, the skilled craftsmanship at every level that went into creating this temple to Christ the King. Then the massive organ roared out its music, we all stood and the choir, robed and in procession, filed round and down to the front, with the clergy in their gold and red robes, led by a big cross. No palace could be more fitting for any King than this cathedral. The service continued with the sacred music performed flawlessly by the choir and all was beautifully done. We were given communion from silver dishes administered by the clergy in their robes embroidered with gold and it was all very special. I have to admit, I do love sparkly things!

And we heard a sermon which spoke about being Christian. About how we are identified as Christians by our actions – whether we feed the poor, care for the sick, give shelter to the homeless. The preacher pointed out with a wry smile that here she was, telling us what to do to be better Christians whilst in her golden robes, and how that was a dilemma for her. And I must admit, it was for me too. I wonder what Christ makes of it, our humble King for whom material things meant and mean nothing, that we lavish so much time and money on chapels and churches and cathedrals? Jesus died for us, for our sins. There is as far as we know, no Plan B there – he died once for all. It doesn't do any harm now and again to think about what it really means to be his Body, to do his work.

Amen.

Jane Quarmby, Reader

The Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers

To you, O Christ our King and our God, belong all power, dominion and authority in heaven and on earth. Come, rule in our hearts, help us to forward your kingdom on earth. We ask this in your holy name, Jesus Christ our Lord, living and reigning with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All **Amen.**

You are the King of Glory, the eternal Son of the Father; we give you praise for you have conquered the darkness of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. We offer you our obedience, we give you our love, and seek to live in your glory. Lord, grant that your church may be an instrument for the coming of your kingdom on earth. We pray for all who are seeking to bring peace and goodwill to the earth, that they may be successful, and we may all see an end to war, destruction and cruelty.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the rulers and nations and people, that they may be open to your will and govern with grace. We remember all who are striving for freedom, all who are seeking to improve our world, all working to relieve poverty. We pray that our chaplaincy may play its part and ask your blessing on King Charles our Governor, Robert and David our bishops, Peter our Archdeacon and all who minister in our chaplaincy. We look for the day when the kingdom of this world will be the kingdom of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

We pray for creators of beauty, all artists and craftspeople, musicians, sculptors, architects and gardeners. Open our eyes to the beauty of your creation and help us to care for it and bring healing where we have brought destruction and death.

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

Lord, come and rule in our homes; come rule in our lives and all our relationships, come rule in all our dealings; come rule in our hearts. Come, Lord, change us and we will be changed.

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

We ask your blessing on all divided peoples, all suffering from war or oppression. We remember all who are struggling and cannot cope on their own. Lord, give comfort and strength to all who are ill, all who are fearful. We pray especially for Malcom, Peter, Gabrielle, Eddie, Margaret, Robert and Susan, and we pray for friends and loved ones who are in need at this time.

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

You, King of Glory, have triumphed over death, you have defeated darkness, you have redeemed us by love. We commend to you all our loved ones and friends who have departed this life, and we ask your blessing on those who mourn, that they may be comforted.

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, we commend ourselves, all for whom we pray and the whole creation to your unfailing love, as we pray together:

Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers,**
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

The minister says

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.

cf. Colossians 3.14-15

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTrCIYH1Yw4>

Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus, out of ev'ry nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, not questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay,
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,

earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
Tune: Hyfrydol – Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887)

Preparation of the Table

The celebrant says

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.
As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending hymn of praise:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence 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 those who 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.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite,
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés;
et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The celebrant says

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

As circumstances are such that we cannot share in the Eucharist in person, we make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in his presence in the Eucharist, and we ask him to unite himself with us.

Heavenly Father, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though we cannot at this time receive Communion, we pray that you will unite us with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come, Lord Jesus, into our hearts, dwell in us in the fullness of your strength, and send your Holy Spirit that we may be filled with your presence. Amen.

Music: James MacMillan (b.1959) – Sedebit Dominus Rex in aeternum

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= M2La8I9LDE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2La8I9LDE)

Lord, you give us Christ, the King of all creation, as food for everlasting life.
Help us to live by his Gospel and bring us to the joy of his kingdom.
The Lord will sit on his throne for ever;
The Lord will bless his people in peace.
Lord, give us Christ.

Prayer after Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Notices

Hymn

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FiJYgC_6AFc

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly 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 angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends each burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose pow'r 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 piercèd feet
fair flow'rs 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.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)
Tune: Diademata – George J. Elvey (1816-1893)

Blessing

The celebrant says

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Picture: Christ Pantocrator, 13th century, Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

Offertory

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