



Feast of Christ the King

LITURGY RESOURCE

Solemnity of Christ the King

This resource has been created for you and your family, your prayer group, missional community or congregation. It can be adapted to include communion and a sermon if you wish. Hymns and readings are suggested but feel free to substitute your own. We suggest the readings are read by a variety of voices. All = italics.

OPENING HYMN

[Dear Lord and Father of mankind](#)

THE GREETING

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

Amen

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

Let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ.

LORD, forgive us, and give us the grace to forgive each other.

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:13-14

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. (NIV)

PSALM

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

(New King James Version)

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 1:4-8

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”

and “every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him”;

and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”

So shall it be! Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

(NIV)

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-40

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. 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, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 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; 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, 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.” 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? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” 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.”

(NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MUSIC

[Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom](#) (Taizé)

LITANY FOR CHRIST THE KING

A litany is an ancient form of prayer that uses repeated statements in response to petitions, praise, intercessions, praise or blessings. We suggest that you arrange for a variety of readers to share the reading. Simple guitar or piano played quietly in the background will complement the reading. Everyone joins in the responses (in italics).

The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive power, strength, wisdom and honour.
To Him be glory forever and ever.

He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.
All kings shall adore Him, all nations shall serve Him.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ the King, hear us.
Christ the King, graciously hear us.

Who as King, served Your people and modelled obedience to God the Father.
May all nations serve You, O Lord.
Who calls fishermen to be fishers of men,
May all nations serve You, O Lord.
Whose Kingdom is not of this world,
May all nations serve You, O Lord.
Who is King of all creation,
May all nations serve You, O Lord.
Who was truly human, knowing all human emotions,
May all nations serve You, O Lord.
Who chose the company of the poor, rejected and broken,
May all nations serve You, O Lord.
Who was abandoned and forsaken for our sake,
May all nations serve You, O Lord.
Who was mocked and humiliated,
May all nations serve You, O Lord.
Who was crowned with thorns,
May all nations serve You, O Lord.
Who was nailed to a tree.
May all nations serve You, O Lord.
Who died and was laid in a tomb.
May all nations serve You, O Lord.

Who overcame death and was restored to life.

May all nations serve You, O Lord.

Who sits at the right hand of The Father,

May all nations serve You, O Lord.

Who sent the Holy Spirit to help us,

May all nations serve You, O Lord.

In Whom is every human being, known and loved

May all nations serve You, O Lord.

In Whom are all created things in Heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,

May all nations serve You, O Lord.

In Whom is the whole natural world, the birds of the air and the fish of the sea

May all nations serve You, O Lord.

Beneath Whom are all principalities and powers,

May all nations serve You, O Lord.

No nation on the earth is more powerful than You Lord,

May all nations serve You, O Lord.

No leader on the earth is more powerful than You Lord,

May all nations serve You, O Lord.

No evil is greater than the infinite mercy of Your Father,

May all nations serve You, O Lord.

Through Whom all things are reconciled unto Your Father,

May all nations serve You, O Lord.

His power shall be an everlasting power,

And His Kingdom a kingdom that shall never be dominated.

That all the peoples of this world may come to know You,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That they may put away their arrogance and tribalism

Lord, graciously hear us.

That they may repent and turn back to You

Lord, graciously hear us.

That they may know that the earth is God's domain

May all nations serve You, O Lord.

That they may heal division,

May all nations serve You, O Lord.

That they will repair every breach,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That they will reweave what is broken,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That they will build common good between them,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That they will love each other as You have loved them,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That they may know Your reign is eternal,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That they may submit to Your justice,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That they may be open to your grace,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That they may be one,
Lord, graciously hear us.

That Your church on earth will be renewed through penance and reconciliation
Lord, graciously hear us.

That to Christ the King all things may be restored
Lord, graciously hear us.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Christ our King.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Hear us, O Christ our King.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

His power shall be an everlasting power,
And His Kingdom shall endure forever. Alleluia.

FINAL PRAYER

Let's draw to a close by saying our family prayer together:

*All 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.*

CLOSING HYMN

[The Servant King](#)

THE BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Lord, send us out into the world to live and serve to the glory of Your Holy Name,
In Christ our Lord, Amen.

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