

**Give you courage,
Fill you with joy.**

Responding to Communion

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthen and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Hymn

Blessing and Sending Out

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

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

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

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever more.
Amen

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



Sunday Morning Service Christ the King

*Sunday worship is at the heart of our church life.
Recognizing the many different needs of both individuals
and communities,
we try to provide a variety of styles of worship
ranging from traditional Prayer Book services to the totally informal.*

*This service tries to be both informal and devotional
with traditional elements combined with opportunities for real
spontaneity.*

We say together the words printed in bold.

Throughout the service, please feel free to sit, stand or kneel as you are able.

Welcome and Notices

Introduction

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

Silence

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,
To sing your praise with gratitude,
And to listen to your word with eagerness;
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Hymn

Praise

Praise be to you O God,
the maker of the universe,
**by whose wisdom
we are created and sustained.**

Praise be to you, O God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**by whose love
we are redeemed and forgiven.**

**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.**

The Peace

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.

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

An Act of Spiritual Communion

If you would like to say the prayers to join in with a spiritual communion, then this is the time. The prayers below offer us an opportunity to give thanks for our communion with Christ, at a time when we would ordinarily be present at the Eucharist.

He took the 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.

**Come to me, and I will refresh you,
I will renew you, I will restore you.
Come to me, I am the bread of life,
Remember me.
Remember me, I am known in the breaking,
In the breaking of the day and in the breaking of the bread.**

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.

**Remember me.
Be filled with my Spirit,
Let my life fill yours,**

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**We believe in God, the Father
who made the world.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son
who redeemed humankind.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used:

God of love,

Hear our prayer

Or

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us

Or

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.

Praise be to you, O God, the source of all holiness,

by whose Spirit

we are made whole and brought to perfection.

Praise be to you O God, source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever.

Amen.

Confession

The kingdom is yours,

but we turn away from your just rule:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours,

but we trust in our own power and strength:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours,

but we fall short of the glory of God:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the God of love

bring us back to himself,

forgive us our sins,

and assure us of his eternal love

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Gloria - Setting of the Mass of St Thomas

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 Prayer for the day

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Lord, Your word is a lantern to our feet
and a light upon our path.

Reading

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16. 20-24

God the Good Shepherd preferentially cares for the flock's weakest members while condemning those who trample down their companions to further their own self-interest.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Whatever good we do, whatever power we wield, ultimate authority over Church and creation is God's alone, dispensed through Christ.

At the end of each reading, the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Compassion is the keystone of Christ's rule: constant alertness and responsiveness to the needs of others are required of all who are committed to building his kingdom.

Alleluia, alleluia.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

Alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

At the end of the reading, the reader may say:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

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