

A SERVICE OF
MORNING or EVENING PRAYER
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF
CHRIST THE KING

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1. GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME (stand)

Opening hymn

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Come, let us worship and bow down:

And kneel before the Lord our maker.

Sentence of scripture.

Prayer of preparation:

***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.***

The Song of Christ's Glory:

*Christ Jesus was in the form of God,
but he did not cling to equality with God;*

***He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
And was born in our human likeness.***

*Being found in human form, he humbled himself,
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.*

***Therefore God has highly exalted him,
and bestowed on him the name above every name;***

*That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
***And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.****

6. THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE (stand)

*May Christ our exalted king pour upon us his abundant gifts
and bring us to reign with him in glory. Amen !*

*May the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
restore, establish and strengthen us. Amen. !*

To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen !

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final hymn

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Accept our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

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

**When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the virgin's womb.**

You overcame the sting of death,
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory :
we believe that you will come to be our judge.**

Come, then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood;
And bring us with all your saints to glory everlasting.
Amen

2. THE CONFESSSION (kneel)

Christ has entered heaven itself : let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace:

(a time of silence)

Lord, we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

(a time of silence)

Lord, have mercy : Lord, have mercy.

We are truly sorry and we ask you to forgive us.

(a time of silence)

Christ have mercy : Christ have mercy.

Help us by your Spirit to live in newness of life.

(a time of silence)

Lord, have mercy : Lord, have mercy.

Words of consolation and assurance:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. (1John 2:1-2)

3. THE MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD (sit)

First Bible reading.

For the word of the Lord : Thanks be to God.

Psalm.

Second Bible reading.

For the word of the Lord : Thanks be to God.

Hymn.

Gospel reading.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Gospel of the Lord :

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The sermon.

The Apostle's creed:

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there 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.***

4. THE GREETING OF PEACE & OFFERING (stand)

We are the Body of Christ :

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you :

And also with you

Sharing of the peace.

Hymn & offertory collection.

Offering prayer:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

*Accept and use our offerings for your glory
And for the service of your kingdom.*

Blessed be God for ever.

5. THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER (kneel or sit)

Through Christ, let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God:

The fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord:

The first and the last, the beginning and the end.

The prayer for the day.

The intercessions.