

**Welcome to
a service of Holy Communion
23rd November 2025
Christ the King Sunday**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hymn: All hail the power of Jesus' name

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.**

Invitation to confession

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

**O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:**

**holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

The Collect is said and the people respond
Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 23.1–6 or Colossians 1.11–20

At the end:
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn: Majesty, worship his majesty

Gospel Reading

Luke 23.33–43
Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Hymn: Lord reign in me

Profession of faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

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

This response may be used:

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

At the end:

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son our Saviour,

Jesus Christ.

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.

cf Colossians 3.14,15

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: King of kings, majesty

Preparation of the Table

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.

Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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. Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Agnus Dei

**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.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Music for distribution of communion

Prayer After Communion

The prayer after communion is said and the people respond
Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

Christ our King, make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing...
Amen.

Acclamation

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is the King of glory?’
**‘The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.’**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is the King of glory?’

**‘The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.’**

Hymn: Crown him with many crowns

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord.

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

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