

Christ the King

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Psalm 47 (spoken responsively)

Refrain

Let the people praise you, O God.

Let all the people praise you.

Clap your hands, all you nations;^{*}
shout to God with cries of joy.

How awesome is the LORD Most High,^{*}
the great King over all the earth!

God reigns over the nations;^{*}
God is seated on his holy throne.

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God has ascended amid shouts of joy,^{*}
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;^{*}
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;^{*}
sing to him a psalm of praise.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son^{*}
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,^{*}
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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Opening Hymn – 341 v.1-3

Crown Him with Many Crowns

**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,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and
confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father I confess that I am by nature
sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts,
words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to
do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both
now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and
trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have
mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gloria - Hymn 370 v.1-3 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.**

**Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet
And crown him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at his feet
And crown him Lord of all.**

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-92, st. 1-3, abr., alt.; *A Selection of Hymns*, London, 1787, st. 4-5, alt.

Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lesson – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-34

¹¹For this is what the LORD God says: I myself will seek the welfare of my flock and examine them carefully. ¹²As a shepherd examines his flock when he is with his sheep that have been scattered, so I will examine my flock and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land. I will shepherd them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys, and in all the settlements of the land. ¹⁴I will pasture them in good pasture, and their grazing land will be on the high mountains of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and they will pasture on rich pasture on the

mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will shepherd my flock, and I myself will let them lie down, declares the LORD God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost. I will bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured. I will strengthen the weak. I will destroy the fat and the strong, and I will shepherd them in justice.

²⁰Therefore, this is what the LORD God says to them. I myself am going to judge between the fat sheep and the skinny sheep. ²¹Because you have shoved them with your side and shoulder and knocked down all the weak with your horns until you had scattered them abroad, ²²I will save my flock so that they will not become plunder any more. I will judge between one sheep and another.

²³Then I will raise up over them one Shepherd, and he will tend them, my servant David. He will tend them, and he will be their Shepherd. ²⁴I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David will be the Prince among them. I, the LORD, have spoken.

Hymn Response – 25 v. 1, 5

The King Shall Come

**The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes-**

**The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!**

Text: John Brownlie, 1857-1925, abr., alt.

Gospel – Matthew 27:27-31

²⁷Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort of soldiers around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. ²⁹They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand, knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰They spit on him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head.

³¹After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Luther's Explanation of the 2nd Article

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day – 217

The Head the Once Was Crowned

**The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heav'n affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords
And heav'n's eternal light,**

**The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below
To whom he manifests his love
And grants his name to know.**

**To them the cross, with all its shame,
With all its grace, is giv'n;
Their name, an everlasting name;
Their joy, the joy of heav'n.**

**They suffer with their Lord below;
They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy, to know
The myst'ry of his love.**

**The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.**

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855.

Sermon – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. ²²For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ's people, at his coming. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign "until he has put all his enemies under his feet." ²⁶Death is the last enemy to be done away with. ²⁷Certainly, "he has put all things in subjection under his feet." Now when it says that all things have been put in subjection, obviously that does not include the one who subjected all things to him. ²⁸But when all things have been subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected all things to him, in order that God may be all in all.

The King Still Has Work To Do

Sermon Response – 153 v. 1, 4

Alleluia! Jesus Lives

Alleluia! Jesus lives! He is now the living one;

From the gloomy house of death

Forth the conqueror has gone,

Bright forerunner to the skies

Of his people, yet to rise.

Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours eternally;

Joined to him, your living head,

Where he is, you too shall be;

You with him at his right hand

Victor over death shall stand.

Text: Karl B. Garve, 1763-1841, abr.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-97, alt.

Prayer of the Church for Christ the King

P: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.

P: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!

P: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.

C: Help us live as royal priests.

P: We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.

C: Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.

P: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.

C: Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.

P: O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

C: Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! Amen.

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Lord's Prayer

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: Amen.

Distribution

For our Visitors: "May I receive the Lord's Supper here today?"

The Lord's Supper is a priceless medicine for the soul. We do everything we can to encourage its proper use. We also recognize from God's Word (1 Cor. 11:23-32) that this medicine is a prescription item. Used for the wrong reasons by someone who does not understand it correctly, the Lord's Supper can actually cause spiritual harm. For that reason we, like the corner druggist, do not dispense it over-the-counter. Out of concern for each individual's spiritual welfare, we try to ensure that communion will be properly used by all in accord with our Lord's own will. We ask that if you have not received this sacrament here before, to please refrain from communing until you have had an opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. We also offer a light color non-alcoholic wine for those who cannot have alcohol because of medical conditions.

Distribution Hymn – 361

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ, our God, to earth descending,
Comes our homage to command.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human likeness,
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spread its vanguard on the way
As the Light from Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th century; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85, alt.

Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn – 341 v. 4

Crown Him with Many Crowns

**Crown him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns
As thrones before him fall;
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns
For he is King of all.**

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