

22 November 2020

**Traditional Morning Prayer II,
Christ the King**

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
While heaven's eternal anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died to be,
Your Saviour and your matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Triumphant from the grave,
Who rose victorious from the strife
For those He came to save,
His glories now we sing,
Who died and reigns on high,
He died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love;
Who shows hands and side,
Those wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
His kingdom is at hand;
From pole to pole let warfare cease
And Christ rule every land!
A city stands on high,
His glory it displays,
And there the nations "holy" cry
In Joyful hymns of praise,

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
In majesty sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For you have died for me;
Your praise shall never, never fail
Through all eternity.

M. Bridges 1851 and G. Thring 1971

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:8-11

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.'**

'Who is this King of glory?'

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

Exhortation, confession and absolution

Friends in Christ, we come together to meet with God,
and to take our part in the building up of his Church.

We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,
hear from God's holy word,
and pray for this world, and for ourselves.

Today we will hear Paul's exhortation to give generously in a way
which is planned, prepared and cheerful!

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we do so, we must confess our sins,
seeking forgiveness through God's boundless
goodness and mercy.

We know we have failed our King of Kings – we've done our own
thing our own way - so let's come now in humility – in sorrow – in
repentance and ask for his forgiveness and his transforming
power to live a new life to his glory.

**God of all mercy,
we humbly admit that we need your help.**

We have wandered from your way.

**We have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what is right.**

**You alone can save us. Have mercy on us,
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.**

**Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live the new life to your glory.**

This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

Assurance of forgiveness

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to
Christ, and live. In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.
God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the
gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent
his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good

You're a good and gracious King

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

³ **Know that the LORD is God.**

**It is he who made us, and we are his^[a];
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

**⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**⁵For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

Giving tip 3

The Bible readings:

Heavenly Father, give us wisdom and understanding.
As we listen to your Word, may we know you better,
love you more, and learn to please you in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 9:1-8

Matthew 25:31-46

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

The joy of giving Giving generously

Affirmation of faith

**Christ is the image of the invisible God:
the first-born of all creation.**

For in him all things were created:

in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

All things were created through him and for him:

he is before all things

and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church:

he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead.

For it pleased God that in him

all fullness should dwell:

and through him all things be reconciled to himself.

Colossians 1.15–20

Time of prayer

Let us 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.**

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,
let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care,
and guide us in justice and truth

Let your way be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and your truth,
that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.
Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for we put our trust in you.

Collect for Christ the King

God our Father, whose will is to bring all things to order and unity
in our Lord Jesus Christ; grant that all the peoples of the world
now divided and torn apart by sin, may be brought together under
his rule in his kingdom of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect of the morning

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created,
and by whose love we are redeemed: Guide and strengthen us by
your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live
this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

Continuing in prayer, then concluding:

Closing prayer

Faithful God, you have promised to hear the prayers of all who ask
in Jesus' name. In your mercy, accept our prayers. Give us what
we have asked in faith, according to your will; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Rejoice, the Lord is King,

Your Lord and King adore,
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given.

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice,
The trump of God shall sound 'Rejoice'.

C Wesley 1746

The Benediction

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every
name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as the King. **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 amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**