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Who or what is Christ the King?

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you and peace from the One
who is and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

SONG

The Servant King

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/625070111/11c0a8f292>

PRAYER OF PRAISE

O God, we praise and adore you.

You are truly without beginning or ending –
your reign is eternal and your being all-powerful,
and yet you chose to reveal your power in the most powerless and vulnerable
manner - as a baby.

As you shared our humanity in Jesus,
you gave the world a new understanding of power.

We know now that power is not to be used to dominate,
but to serve others as Christ did.

He transformed the love of power by the power of love.

We gather today to celebrate your rule of love in our hearts
as we experience it in Jesus

and through the enabling gift of your Spirit.

We offer this prayer of gratitude for these blessings
in the name of Jesus, our Servant King.

Amen


PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, servant king,

we confess our failure to grasp that your reign is found
whenever domination is overcome,

whenever justice is experienced,

and whenever people are released from prejudice and exploitation.



Forgive us any involvement in the pursuit of power which exploits or demeans others.

We confess our lack of commitment in seeking to transform systems which leave people powerless.

Too often we prefer to leave the difficult tasks to others so that we can get on with our own safe agendas.

Forgive us when we forget that doing your will is our greatest priority.

Remind us, O God, that the power of the Holy Spirit enables us to witness to the values of your kingdom in and through all we do and say, and that thankfully this power far exceeds any apathy or fear on our part.

Renew us with your Spirit, O God,
so that our lives testify to the truth of your kingdom
revealed so fully in Jesus, servant king,
in whose name we pray.

Amen

ASSURANCE

The good news is this: our sins are forgiven through “Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins

to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.” Rev 1:5,6

Hallelujah! Amen!

PASSING THE PEACE

The Spirit within me honours the Spirit within you.

(Turn to those around you and greet them with the words above)

SONG

To God be the glory

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PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

(Take this time to pray for the World, your community and friends and family)

OFFERING

God of the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the ox,
we give thanks for these gifts and pray they might be agents of your peace.

May they serve your creation as we seek your new heaven and new earth.

Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with distress and calm it.

Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with pain and heal it.

Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with silence and speak up;

In Jesus' name. Amen.


READINGS

REFLECTION

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SILENCE

Now let silence gently enfold us...



May the silence we now share quieten us, touch our need, refresh our courage,
and enlarge our wonder.

SONG

Crown him with many Crowns

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BLESSING

Go into this week
robed with the righteousness of God,
enriched by the humility of Jesus,
invested with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

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