

CHRIST the KING HYMN FESTIVAL

Lessons, Symbols and Songs of the Church Year

As we gather . . . The festival of Christ the King was first celebrated in 1925, in the midst of the European political turmoil of the 1920s and 1930s. It was intended to proclaim God's reign over a world wracked by one world war and facing another. That truth can still be proclaimed today. No human system is forever. None can claim absolute allegiance. Only Christ is sovereign.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING NARRATION

Often in our lives the celebration of a new year – a birthday, an anniversary, a new school term, a new calendar – provides a natural time of reflection. We see ways that we are not the same as we were a year ago, and we think about how the events of the past year have shaped us.

Today we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. The wheel of our church year has come full circle, and we are poised on the eve of a new year. Today we are invited to look back – to recall the stories of the seasons we have shared – and to turn with anticipation toward the year to come. Today we are invited to reflect on how our encounter with the Word of the living God has shaped us. For as we worship, we do more than remember: we enter into God's story of redemption and new life. We experience God's saving action, and we are changed.

And so on this day, we are invited *not* to sit back and relax as we begin our worship; rather, we are invited to *enter in* to in the presence of the living Lord. Through word and symbol song and prayer, we join with the whole church - gathered here in this place and throughout all times and places – to worship and adore Jesus, our risen and exalted King!

INVOCATION

Leader: We begin our worship as we are called to begin each day of our life, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: **Amen.**

ADVENT

Reading – Isaiah 11:1-10

Symbol

Narration

Hymn – “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” #242 (v. 1 & 2)

CHRISTMAS

Reading – Luke 2:1-20

Symbol

Narration

Hymn – “Joy to the World” #267 (v. 1)

EPIPHANY

Reading – Isaiah 60:1-3

Symbol

Narration

Hymn – “Christ, Be Our Light” #715 (v. 1, 2 and 5)

The Baptism of Our Lord

Symbol

Narration

Hymn: “Baptized and Set Free” #453

[during the singing of this hymn the presider uses a pine bough to asperge (sprinkle) the assembly with water from the font]

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Symbol

Narration

Hymn – “Shine, Jesus, Shine” #671 (refrain, v. 2, refrain)

LENT

Ash Wednesday

Responsive Reading – Psalm 51:1-13

Symbol

Narration

Hymn – “Savior, When in Dust to You” #601 (v. 1 & 2)

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Symbol

Narration

Hymn – “Lamb of God” #336 (v. 1 & 3)

THE THREE DAYS

Maundy Thursday

Reading – John 13:1-5, 12-17

Symbol

Narration

Hymn – “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” #708 (v. 1 & 4)

Good Friday

Reading – Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Symbol
Narration
Hymn – “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” #335
(v. 1 - Men; v. 3 - Women; refrain - All)

Vigil of Easter

Symbol
Narration
Hymn – “We Know That Christ Is Raised” #449

EASTER – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Reading – Matthew 28:1-10
Symbol
Narration
Hymn – “I Know that My Redeemer Lives!” #619 (v. 1, 7 & 8)

APOSTLES’ CREED

Leader: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

Assembly: **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 power of 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 again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come again 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

The Ascension of our Lord

Symbol
Narration
Hymn – “You are Holy” #525

PENTECOST

Reading – Acts 2:1-4

Symbol

Narration

Hymn – “Spirit of Gentleness” #396 (refrain, v. 3 & 4)

Time after Pentecost

Reading – John 15:1-5

Symbol

Narration

THE PRAYERS

Leader: Merciful God,

Assembly: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Assembly: **Our Father, who art in heaven**

hallowed by 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

THE GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

L: The work of the Spirit among us leads us to offer our gifts, a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God’s gifts to us.

[A gift of music may accompany the gathering of the offering.]

Offertory Hymn – “We Are An Offering” #692

Offertory Prayer

Leader: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Assembly: **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.**

CHRIST THE KING

Reading – Luke 23:33-43

Narration

Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #855

(v. 1 – All; v.2 – Women; v. 3 - All; v. 4 – Men; v. 5 - All)

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

Leader: Through every season of the year, therefore, we live under God’s blessing . . . and to God’s praise! And now receive God’s benediction. . . .

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord’s face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Leader: My sisters and brothers: go in peace. Christ is with you!

Assembly: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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