

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

21st November 2021



OPENING HYMN

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
Whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
In true adoration shall sing to Your praise!

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:13-14

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.

PSALM RESPONSE: **The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.**

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Ruler of the kings of the earth... He made us a line of kings, priests to serve His God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on Him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

It is you who has that I am a king.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, *(as we say the words in italics, we bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

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 the 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.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is Thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels, saints and nations sing:
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"*

King, whose name creation thrills,
Rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
Till in peace each nation rings
With Thy praises, King of kings.

King most holy, King of truth,
Guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ Thou King of glory bright,
Be to us eternal light.

Shepherd-king, o'er mountains steep
Homeward bring the wandering sheep;
Shelter in one royal fold
States and kingdoms, new and old.

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