



**GARROWBYBENEFICE**

Christ the King: A service of the Word  
Music from Taizé

## Introduction

Let us pray in silence on this festival of Christ the King that Christ may come to reign in our hearts and in our world

Reign in me sovereign Lord, reign in me

**All Reign in me sovereign Lord, reign in me**

Captivate my heart and let your kingdom come

**All Establish there your throne, let your will be done**

Reign in me sovereign Lord, reign in me

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*Words by Chris Bowater*

## *Opening Music: Holy Spirit come to us*

## Opening Sentence

When the son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then he will sit on the throne of His glory

## Opening Prayers of Praise

What mighty praise belongs to you O god, for your acts of love and faithfulness towards us

**All In your mercy you hear our prayers, you forgive our sins, you provide for our needs**

From one end of the earth to the other you inspire worship and praise, even nature celebrates your goodness

**all We too offer our praise and thanksgiving for your mercy and your faithful love towards us. Receive our adoration, our confession and our thanksgiving**

Through the power of your Holy Spirit make your presence known among us that we may hear your word and know your will

**All Amen**

## Confession

**All Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say that Jesus is King, we often fail to bow our knees before Him. Instead we grant our loyalties to the relationships and material goods of this world. In your mercy hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the humility to bow before you, the ruler of all nations, so that we may be loyal servants in Your kingdom, through your son the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

## Silence

## Absolution

Through the crucified body and blood of Christ the King we have been given a pardon from God. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence proclaiming Jesus as Lord of all

**All Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Collect

Eternal Father, whose son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

**All Amen**

***MUSIC: Kyrie Eleison – Lord have mercy***

## Readings

### Revelation 1: 4b - 8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from 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 by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25: 31-46

### All **Glory to you O Lord**

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

### All **Praise to you O Christ**

## Sermon

### **MUSIC: Taize Gloria**

## A Creed

**All We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the church, to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our help.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God**

*United Church of Canada*

## Peace

Christ's reign is one of love and peace, may his love and peace be always with you

**All And also with you.**

## Intercessions – (*Between each prayer we sing: Bless the Lord my soul*)

Opening prayer

**All Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life"**

Second prayer

**All Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life"**

Final prayer

**All Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life"**

## Closing Words

May we open our eyes to Christ the King among us

**All And be inspired to bring His goodness to others.**

May we open our hearts to receive His love.

**All And be sure to pass it on.**

May we be faithful to the example of Christ the King in all things.

**All So that others will want to know him too.**

Let us be a living witness to truth and freedom, that all people may be lifted up by the hope of a world made new.

## **Blessing**

May the Lord bless you and keep you, and be gracious to you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May, the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.

And the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit rest upon you, your homes, and all whom you love, today and always

**All    Amen**

## **Dismissal**

We are renewed in Gods' love and given new strength. Go in his peace.

**All    Thanks be to God.**

***MUSIC: In the Lord, I'll ever be thankful***

*The music is by J. Berthier and J. Gelineau and the whole selection of songs may be found on the album "Sing to God" which is available both on YouTube and Amazon Music*