



CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST THE KING
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WELCOME

ORGAN PRELUDE

Adagio from the Organ Sonata Nr. 1 in F
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

GREETING

In the name of the living God:
Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

HYMN 132

Tune: Stockton

1 **O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free;
a heart that's sprinkled with the blood
so freely shed for me:**

2 **A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my great Redeemer's throne;
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone:**

3 **A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
believing, true, and clean,
which neither life nor death can part
from him that dwells within:**

4 **A heart in every thought renewed,
and full of love divine;
perfect and right and pure and good —
a copy, Lord, of thine.**

5 **Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
come quickly from above;
write thy new name upon my heart,
thy new best name of Love.**

CONFESSION

The officiant uses an invitation to confession.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,**

**love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

COLLECT

The officiant prays the collect set for the day.

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 for ever.
Amen.

LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 95.1-7

1 O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

2 **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

3 For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

4 **In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

6 **O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

HYMN 691

Tune: *Truro*

1 **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

2 **People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

3 **Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,**

and all the sons of want are blest.

4 **Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King:
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:3, 25:31-46

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

³ When Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately... He answered them... ³¹ '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. ³² 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, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ 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; ³⁵ 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, ³⁶ 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." ³⁷ 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? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰ 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." ⁴¹ 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; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ 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." ⁴⁴ 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?" ⁴⁵ 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." ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The appointed preacher offers a sermon.

ORGAN INTERLUDE

Prelude on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons (The Angel's Song)
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

CREED

Te Deum Laudamus

We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;
**all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.**

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
**When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.**
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.**
Come then, Lord, and help your people,

bought with the price of your own blood,
**and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

INTERCESSIONS

A member of the congregation offers prayers.

PEACE

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

BLESSING

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you
and remain with you always.

Amen.

HYMN 569

Tune: *Paderborn*

- 1 **The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**
- 2 **The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.**
- 3 **The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.**
- 4 **God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.**

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go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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