

Prayers for Christ the King 2020

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

The Greeting

The president greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Prayers of Penitence

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.

**O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak
your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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.

The Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ
the King and to follow in his
service, whose kingdom has no
end; for he reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen.**

Reading

Ephesians 1.15–23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I 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, ¹⁸so 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God 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, ²¹far 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. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Sermon

The Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Let us with confidence present our prayers and requests to the throne of grace.

We pray for all those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people. May your reign come;
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church, the sign of your reign, that it may extend your welcome to people of every race and background. May your kingdom come;
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Christians of every denomination, that together we may come to understand the common calling you bestowed on us in baptism. May your dominion come;
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly power or authority, that they may have the courage to endure. May your rule come;
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for this community of faith, that attentive to your word and gathering around your table we may always worship in spirit and in truth. May your reign come;
Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reminder about coffee, etc

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to 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.

A minister says

Wherever we may be Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.