

Triduum

to prepare for the solemnity of

Christ the King

Day 1: The Primacy of Christ

Leader: In the name...

ALL: Amen

Leader: Christ is the head of the body, the Church. He is the principle of creation and redemption. Raised to the Father's glory, in everything he is preeminent, especially in the Church, through whom he extends his reign over all things.

(CCC 792)

ALL: Blessed be God forever!

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain

ALL: to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing. Rev 5:12

Leader: To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

ALL: be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever.

Rev 5:13

Leader: Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.

Rev 7:10

ALL: Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

Rev 7:12

Leader: O Jesus, our Eternal King,

ALL: Reign in our hearts.

Leader: O Jesus, Most Merciful King,

ALL: Reign in our hearts.

Leader: O Jesus, our Eucharistic King,

ALL: Reign in our hearts.

Leader: Jesus, King of All Nations, Who blesses with Peace those souls and nations that acknowledge You as True King,

ALL: May we serve You.

Leader: Jesus, King of All Nations, the Light beyond all light, enlightening us in the darkness that surrounds us,

ALL: May we serve You.

Leader: Jesus, King of All Nations, before Whom every knee shall bend,

ALL: May we serve You.

Leader: That all may know your reign is eternal,

ALL: Hear our prayer, O Christ the King.

Leader: That all may submit to your gentle rule,

ALL: Hear our prayer, O Christ the King.

Leader: That all may uphold your primacy in their lives,

ALL: Hear our prayer, O Christ the King.

Leader: Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, you hold primacy over all that is. You are the King of kings and Lord of Lords. You are the well beloved Son in whom the Father is well pleased. You are predestined by the Father as the first element in his creative plan and the pinnacle of the created universe. All things both those in heaven and those on earth have been reconciled with the Father through you.

ALL: We give you praise and thanks, Christ our King.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ our King, we pledge our faith in you who are the Word-made-flesh dwelling among us and who have taken your place at the right hand of the Father. We express our hope in your gift of eternal life in your reign. We promise to share with others the immense love you have shown to us day after day.

ALL: Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.



Reader: A reading from the Book of Proverbs: The Lord begot me, the beginning of his works, the forerunner of his deeds of long ago; from of old I was formed, at the first, before the earth. When he established the heavens, there was I. When he fixed the foundations of earth, then was I beside him as artisan. The Word of the Lord.

Prov 8:22-23,29-30

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Christ "is the reflection of eternal light,

ALL: the spotless mirror of the power of God, the image of his goodness."

cf. Wis 7: 26

Reader: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. The Word of the Lord.

Eph 1:3-4,8-10

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Leader: [Christ] is the refulgence of [the Father's] glory, the very imprint of his being,

ALL: and sustains all things by his mighty word.

Heb 1:3

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew: Jesus said, "All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." The Gospel of the Lord.

Mt 11:27

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Leader: [Christ] is a breath of the might of God

ALL: and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty.

Wis 7:26

Silence or reflection, then all sing with the traditional melody:

Christus vincit! Christus reingat! [Christus,] Christus imperat!

Leader: Let us pray: Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Christ is the center of our lives,
On him alone we build;
In his great love our hopes we place;
To him we pledge our will.

(Melody: CM, "O God Our Help in Ages Past")

Our voice we raise to Christ the King
to sing and thus proclaim
the primacy of Jesus Christ
in all we say and do.

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Day 2: Christ the Head

Leader: In the name...

ALL: Amen

Leader: As Lord, Christ is head of the Church which is his Body, and Christ dwells on earth in his Church. The kingdom of Christ is already present in mystery, and on earth the Church is the seed, the beginning of the kingdom. (CCC 669)

ALL: Blessed be God forever!

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain

ALL: to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing. Rev 5:12

Leader: To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

ALL: be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever.

Rev 5:13

Leader: Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.

Rev 7:10

ALL: Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

Rev 7:12

Leader: O Jesus, King of Heaven and earth,

ALL: Reign in our hearts.

Leader: O Jesus, King and Ruler of All Nations,

ALL: Reign in our hearts.

Leader: O Jesus, King Most Compassionate,

ALL: Reign in our hearts.

Leader: Jesus, King of All Nations, Whose Dominion is an everlasting Dominion,

ALL: May we serve You.

Leader: Jesus, King of All Nations, Lamb Who will Shepherd us,

ALL: May we serve You.

Leader: Jesus, King of All Nations, Who teaches us that to reign is to serve,

ALL: May we serve You.

Leader: That the peoples of this world may know themselves as subject to You,

ALL: Hear our prayer, O Christ the King.

Leader: That all may hearken to your self-emptying fiat,

ALL: Hear our prayer, O Christ the King.

Leader: That all may know that your Church, as your Body with you as the Head, cannot die as nations die,

ALL: Hear our prayer, O Christ the King.

Leader: Let us pray: Christ Jesus, we acknowledge You King of the universe and head of your Body the Church. You are the center and inspiration of all that we are and do because you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. All that has been created has been made for You. Through you, with you, and in you are all glory and honor, praise and blessing, adoration and thanksgiving.

ALL: We give you praise and thanks, Christ our King.

Leader: Make full use of your rights over us, Christ our King! We renew the promises we made in Baptism, when we renounced the power of evil in our lives, and we promise to live a good Christian life and to do all in our power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church so that the Kingdom of Your peace may be established throughout the universe.

ALL: Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.



Reader: A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah: See, days are coming—oracle of the Lord—when I will raise up a righteous branch for David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name to be given him: “The Lord our justice.” The Word of the Lord.

Jer 23:5-6

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Leader: Christ “is the reflection of eternal light,

ALL: the spotless mirror of the power of God, the image of his goodness.”

cf. Wis 7: 26

Reader: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians: [Christ] is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven. The Word of the Lord.

Col 1:17-20

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Leader: [Christ] is the refulgence of [the Father’s] glory, the very imprint of his being,

ALL: and sustains all things by his mighty word.

Heb 1:3

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The Gospel of the Lord.

Jn 1:1-5

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Leader: In Christ dwells the whole fullness of the deity bodily,

ALL: and you share in this fullness in him, who is the head of every principality and power.

Col 2:10

Silence or reflection, then all sing with the traditional melody:

Christus vincit! Christus reignat! [Christus,] Christus imperat!

Leader: Let us pray: Father all powerful, God of love, you have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from death to life, resplendent in glory as King and Head of all creation. Open our hearts, free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love. Bring the whole human race together in Jesus Christ your Son, whose kingdom is with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion’s help forever
And our confidence alone.

(Melody: “Tantum Ergo”)

To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your loving kindness,
Hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within these walls today.

Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful
All the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from You, forever
With the blessed to retain;
And here after in Your glory
Evermore with You to reign.

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Day 3: Christ the Cornerstone



Leader: In the name...

ALL: Amen

Leader: The Lord [is] the stone which the builders rejected, but which was made into the cornerstone. On this foundation the Church is built by the apostles and from it the Church receives solidity and unity. (CCC 756)

ALL: Blessed be God forever!

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain

ALL: to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing. Rev 5:12

Leader: To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

ALL: be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever. Rev 5:13

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ALL: Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen. Rev 7:12

Leader: O Jesus, King from Whom proceeds all authority, **ALL: Reign in our hearts.**

Leader: O Jesus, King Whose Kingdom is not of this world, **ALL: Reign in our hearts.**

Leader: O Jesus, King Who is the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega, **ALL: Reign in our hearts.**

Leader: Jesus, King of All Nations, Whose Reign is without end, **ALL: May we serve You.**

Leader: Jesus, King of All Nations, Whose kindness toward us is steadfast, and whose fidelity endures forever, **ALL: May we serve You.**

Leader: Jesus, King of All Nations, True Sovereign of all earthly powers, **ALL: May we serve You.**

Leader: That all people may be restored to mercy, **ALL: Hear our prayer, O Christ the King.**

Leader: That through Christ our Cornerstone all things may be restored, **ALL: Hear our prayer, O Christ the King.**

Leader: That in the Prince of Peace all may find true peace, **ALL: Hear our prayer, O Christ the King.**

Leader: Let us pray: Lord, we want you to be, now and always, the Cornerstone of our lives and the King of our Hearts. We love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength and with fortitude and with total understanding, with every power in our being, with every effort, every affection, every emotion, every desire, and every wish. For in you we live and move and have our being.

ALL: We give you praise and thanks, Christ our King.

Leader: We want to give you our lives today, Christ Jesus. We know that anything we build without you just won't last. We've tried and it has failed, and we don't want to do that anymore. We want you. We want you to be first in our lives. We want you to be our foundation. We want you to be our cornerstone. Jesus, we need you. We humble ourselves right now, and we let you into our lives and surrender to you. We cherish your presence in our lives. You make life worth living. You give us strength and purpose

for each and every day. Thank you for your love, God. We return that love by pledging to build up your kingdom here on earth.

ALL: **Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

Reader: **A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah: Thus says the Lord God: See, I am laying a stone in Zion, a stone that has been tested, a precious cornerstone as a sure foundation; whoever puts faith in it will not waver. The Word of the Lord.** (Is 28:16)

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

ALL: **By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.** (Ps 118:22-23)

Reader: **A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians: So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. The Word of the Lord.** (Eph 2:19-22)

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God,

ALL: **And, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.** (1Pt 2:4-5)

Reader: **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew: Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes'?" The Gospel of the Lord.** (Mt 21:42)

ALL: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Leader: He is 'the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.'

ALL: **There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."** (Acts 4:11-12)

Silence or reflection, then all sing with the traditional melody:

Christus vincit! Christus reignat! [Christus,] Christus imperat!

Leader: Let us pray: Loving Father, you give Christ your Son as the King of all creation and the cornerstone of all that we are and do. Help us to live by his Gospel and bring us to the joy of his kingdom so that we may bring unity and peace to the world through the same Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

(Melody: Any LM)

**What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**