

Christ the King Sunday

Communion table is center, but empty. The leader will set the table throughout the reading.

Leader: People of God, we claim Christ as our king!

The leader places a gold (or other appropriately fancy) table cloth on the communion table.

Leader: But God gives us a different kind of king than we might expect.

People of God:

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your Son,
The beloved one who was rejected,
The Savior who appeared defeated.

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Sing: *One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism* #364 “O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”, verse 1:
“O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim You as our king? What royal face have You revealed/ Whose praise the Church would sing? Aspiring not to glory’s height, To power, wealth, and fame, You walked a diff’rent, lowly way, Another’s will Your aim.”

The leader places the chalice and plate of fine china or silverware on the communion table.

Leader: Our King gives us a different kind of law-- a law of love and a gospel of grace.

People of God: The mystery of his Kingship illuminates our lives.

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Sing: *One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism* #364 “O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”, verse 2:
“You came, the image of our God, To heal and to forgive, to shed Your blood for sinners’ sake/ That we might rise and live. To break the law of death You came, The law of love to bring: A diff’rent rule of righteousness, a diff’rent kind of king.”

The leader places a chair next to the communion table.

Leader: Our King calls us to live different kinds of lives.

People of God:

[God] show us in [Christ’s] death the victory that crowns the ages,
And in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth.

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Sing: *One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism* #364 “O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”, verse 3:

“Though some would make their greatness felt/ And lord it over all, You said the first must be the last/ And service be our call. O Christ, in workplace, church, and home/ Let none to power cling; For still, through us, You come to serve, A diffr’ent kind of king.”

The leader places a crown of thorns as the centerpiece.

Leader: We worship a different kind of king who gives lays down his life for his people!

People of God:

[God we praise] your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever!

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Sing: *One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism* #364 “O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”, verse 4:
“You chose a humble human form/ And shunned the world’s renown; You died for us upon a cross/ With thorns Your only crown. But still, beyond the span of years, Our glad hosannas ring, For now at God’s right hand You reign, A diffr’ent kind of king!”