

Liturgies for Christ the King Sunday

Call to Worship based on Revelation 1:4-8

Reader 1: You are invited to worship the King.

Reader 2: You are invited to worship the faithful witness.

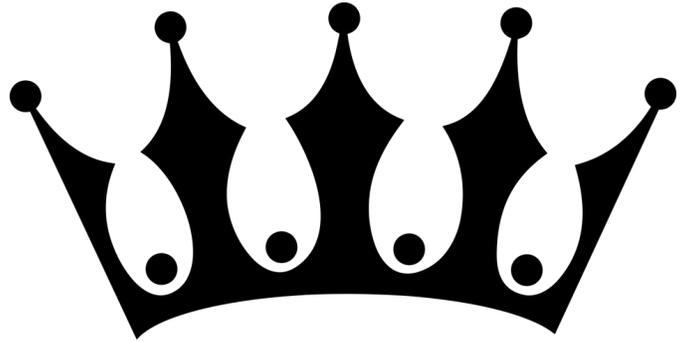
Reader 3: You are invited to worship the firstborn of the dead.

Reader 1: We come here to worship the King of kings.

Reader 2: We come to worship the one who freed us by his blood!

Reader 3: We come to worship the Alpha and Omega!

People of God: The King has made us to be a kingdom, priests serving God the Father. To God be the glory and the dominion forever and ever!



Call to Worship based on Psalm 46

Leader: Outside the earth is changing: the mountains shake and the waters roar and foam.

People of God: But God is our refuge and strength. God is the creator of the mountains and the waters.

Leader: The nations are in an uproar and kingdoms totter!

People of God: But God is in the midst of the city; it will not be moved. Christ the King makes wars cease!

Leader: We will exalt the Lord, our God among the nations! In all the earth, Christ the King will be exalted!

Confession and Assurance based on Psalm 132:1-12

Leader: Christ is King over all creation; in him and through him all things were made. But we fail to care for the creation that the King loves. We confess now those failures.

Silence.

Leader: Christ is King over all the nations; he is the anointed one. But we look to the kings of this earth as our hope for peace and security. We confess now our reliance on earthly kings.

Silence.

Leader: Christ is King over all of our lives; he commands dominion over our whole being. But while we acknowledge him as our Savior, we so often do not live with him as our King. We do not keep his commands and we do not follow his ways. We confess now our resistance to the reign of our true King.

Silence.

Leader: Christ our King, Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy. For your servant David's sake, do not turn your face away from us. Amen.

Confession and Assurance based on Colossians 1:11-20 and Luke 23:33-43

Leader: The soldiers took the King of all of creation, the one in whom the fullness of God dwells, to the place of the skull.

People of God: And we just stood by watching.

Leader: The soldiers took the King's clothing and cast lots for them.

People of God: And we scoffed at him saying, "Let him save himself if he is the Messiah!"

Leader: The soldiers mocked the King and offered him sour wine.

People of God: And placed an inscription over the King's head: "This is the King of Jews".

Leader: While we derided the King, one called out:

People of God: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Leader: And the King says that surely he will. For through our King, God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.