

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 105

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

OPENING RESPONSES

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

Let everything be said and done in the
name of the Lord Jesus,
Jesus is our King.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world;
Jesus is our Way.

With Jesus even dark places are light;
Jesus is the Truth.

In Jesus we shall live for ever;
Jesus is our Life.

WELCOME

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.**

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.

The kingdom is yours,
but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and
strength:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory of God:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has
given us a kingdom that cannot be
destroyed, forgive you your sins, open
your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you
to do God's will and give you the joy of his
kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GLORIA (*stand*)

**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

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.**

READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 46

- 1 God is our | refuge · and | strength:
a very | present | help in | trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear though the |
earth be | moved:
and though the mountains are |
shaken · in the | midst of · the | sea;
- +3 though the waters | rage and | foam:
and though the mountains quake at
the | rising | of the | sea.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make
glad the | city · of | God:
the holy dwelling-place | of the |
Most | High.

5 God is in the midst of her
therefore she shall | not be | moved:
God will | help her · and at | break
of | day.

6 The nations make uproar and the |
kingdoms · are | shaken:
but God has lifted his | voice · and the |
earth shall | tremble.

7 The Lord of | hosts is | with us:
the God of | Jacob | is our | stronghold.

8 Come then and see what the | Lord has |
done:
what destruction he has | brought
up|on the | earth.

9 He makes wars to cease in|all the | world:
he breaks the bow and shatters the
spear and burns the | chari-ots | in
the | fire.

10 'Be still and know that | I am | God:
I will be exalted among the nations
I will be ex|alted · up|on the | earth.'

11 The Lord of | hosts is | with us:
the God of | Jacob | is our | stronghold.

READING: Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself 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, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 704

Wake Up, O People, the Lord is Very Near!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:33-43

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ The soldiers also mocked

him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ Jesus replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living

and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Jesus is the name we honour;
Jesus is the name we praise.
Majestic name above all other names,
the highest Heaven and Earth proclaim
that Jesus is our God.

*We will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise,
we will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.*

Jesus is the name we worship;
Jesus is the name we trust.

He is the King above all other kings,
let all creation stand and sing
that Jesus is our God.

Chorus

Jesus is the Father's splendour;
Jesus is the Father's joy.
He will return to reign in majesty,
and every eye at last will see
that Jesus is our God.

Chorus x2

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this
bread to set before you, which earth has
given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine
to set before you, fruit of the vine and
work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth
is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER E

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace. As king he claims dominion over all your creatures, that he may bring before your infinite majesty a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

SANCTUS (*sung*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to

them and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith: (*sung*)

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St Stephen and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

AGNUS DEI (*sung*)

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

143 Dearest Jesu, we are here

1 Abba, Father, let me be

762 You are the King of Glory

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit

lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

HYMN 104

Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

CLOSING PRAYER

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the courage to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

BLESSING

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King.

Amen.

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.