

Holy Cross

Morning Prayer

Christ the King Sunday

Gathering Hymn

We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds. *Psalm 75:1*

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but citizens together with the saints and members of the household of God.

Ephesians 2:19

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise. **People: And your glory all the day long.**

Doxology

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. ***Amen. Alleluia.***

The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship. Let us pray:

Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus*

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; ****my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.***

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, **** that I might behold your power and your glory.***

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; **** my lips shall give you praise.***

So will I bless you as long as I live **** and lift up my hands in your Name.***

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, **** and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,***

When I remember you upon my bed, **** and meditate on you in the night watches.***

For you have been my helper, **** and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.***

My soul clings to you; **** your right hand holds me fast.***

In you gracious God, the widowed find a carer, the orphaned find a parent, the fearful find a friend.

In you, Jesus Christ, we meet our Maker. And if some need to say, 'Help me'; and if some need to say 'Save me' and if some need to say, 'Hold me' and if some need to say, 'Forgive me' then let these be said now in confidence by us. (Silence)

O Christ, in whose heart is both welcome and warning, say to us, do to us, reveal within us the things that will make us whole. And we will wait; and we will praise you. ***Amen***

Sequence Hymn

The Lesson, Gospel and Sermon

A Song of Christ's Humility

Philippians 2:6-11

Though in the form of God, * ***Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,***

But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, * ***and was born in human likeness.***

Being found in human form, he humbled himself * ***and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.***

Therefore, God has highly exalted him * ***and given him the name above every name,***

That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, * ***in heaven and on earth and under the earth,***

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, * ***to the glory of God the Father.***

A Song of Christ's Goodness *Anselm of Canterbury*

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; * ***you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.***

Often you weep over our sins and our pride, * ***tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.***

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, * ***in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.***

Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; * ***by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.***

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; * ***through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.***

Your warmth gives life to the dead, * ***your touch makes sinners righteous.***

Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; * ***in your love and tenderness, remake us.***

In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, * ***for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.***

Suffrages For Use in Morning Prayer

V. Help us, O God our Savior; ***R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.***

V. Look upon your congregation; ***R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.***

V. Declare your glory among the nations; ***R. And your wonders among all peoples.***

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away; ***R. Never forget the lives of your poor.***

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you; ***R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.***

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; ***R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.***

Concluding Sentence

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

Closing Hymn

