

Holy Communion on the Feast of Christ the King

Processional Hymn

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

This church is built on the land of the Wallumata People.
We acknowledge their connection and custodianship of this land
over many generations, and we pay respect and honour elder's past,
present and emerging.

With them we long to be a reconciled people in this land:

**Lead us on then, Holy Spirit,
as we gather from the four corners of the earth;
enable us to walk together in trust
from the hurt and shame of the past
into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Make way! Make space!

Make time! Make peace!

The Lord our King is close.

The King of Love is near.

The Prince of Peace approaches.

Make way for Christ the King.

From seed to shoot God's kingdom is coming.

God's kingdom is coming near.

From shoot to branch God's kingdom is coming.

God's kingdom is coming near.

Rooted and growing God's kingdom is coming.

God's kingdom is coming near.

Flourishing, blossoming God's kingdom is coming.

God's kingdom is coming near.

With wisdom and might God's kingdom is coming.

God's kingdom is coming near.

With justice and mercy God's kingdom is coming.

God's kingdom is coming near.

With righteousness and faithfulness God's kingdom is coming.

God's kingdom is coming near.

Confession, Reconciliation & Peace

As we seek the coming of Christ's kingdom, we pause and recall the times that we have not lived as if we are part of it, or turned away from it, or rejected it.

A moment of silence for self-examination . . .

Absolution is offered

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.

We are the body of Christ
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel, Chapter 23, beginning at verse 1 (1-7):

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Revelation of John, Chapter 1, beginning at verse 4 (4b-8):

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John, Chapter 18, beginning at verse 33 (33-37):

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel reading:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

After the Sermon there may be a time of quiet reflection.

The Apostle's Creed

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

As our saviour has taught us, we are confident to 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

*A thanksgiving offertory is received for the work of the Church.
Candles are lit and placed on the altar.*

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The Great Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. . .
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

When the first are last, you reign.

When hearers hear, you reign.

When the heavy-laden find rest, you reign.

This is the reign we long for,

the realm we dream of,

the community we believe in.

May we live dangerously and turn our words of faith into acts of trust. May we be part of this, O Christ:

May we lift your torn robe and wrap the poor in it.

May we take your crown of thorns and stand with the suffering.

May we break the bread and feed the hungry of the world.

May we hold the cross and know what must be given.

May we, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
make space for you,
as you make space for us, and
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you . . .
. . . Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: . . .
. . . we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour
and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us
Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Holy Communion is distributed.

Prayer after Communion

The priest prays the prayer for sending out

Most Loving God,
**You send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your spirit.**

Notices & Milestones

Notices are made in relation to the life of our Parish community.

The Blessing & Sending Out

It is not enough to acclaim Jesus Christ
as our Lord and King.

Our mission in life is
to make his kingdom a reality among us
and to bring it to those around us
by our words and deeds.

The way to do this is to live as he lived:
for others, in love and service.

May almighty God bless you for this task:
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
and to give shape to his kingdom.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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