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Notes and Ordering Information

Lead your congregation through the entire Church Year to see that Christ is King, all the year through. Each season begins with two lines of a stanza of the title hymn (ideally sung by the choir, but appropriate for congregational use as well). Other hymns include “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name,” “Lift Up Your Heads,” “Joy to the World,” “The First Noel,” “O Sacred Head” and “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today.” A running sermon continues the theme throughout the service.

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Newsletter/Bulletin Notices

Newsletter Notice

We invite you to join us for a worship service for Christ the King Sunday that helps us to see that Christ is King all the year through. Sections for each season of the church year begin with two lines of a stanza of the beloved hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns.” Short homilies on each season, a children’s sermon, specially selected Scripture verses and other hymns will remind us all that Jesus is the King of our lives and the Ruler of our hearts and we will be crowned with glory one day because of him.

Bulletin Notice

We welcome you to this service for Christ the King Sunday that helps us to see that Christ is King all the year through. Sections for each season of the church year will begin with two lines of a stanza of the beloved hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns” to highlight a certain aspect of his kingship. Then let the short homilies on each season, a children’s sermon, specially selected Scripture verses and other hymns remind you that Jesus is the King of our lives and the Ruler of our hearts and we will be crowned with glory one day because of him.

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Order of Service

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

Responsive Dialog..... from Revelation 1:4-6

P Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C **To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

Commentary

ADVENT

*Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne.*

Luke 1:26-27, 30-33

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation now he brings, wherefore the earth is glad and sings:
To God on high be praise for word and deed and grace!

Commentary

CHRISTMAS

*Crown him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born.*

Isaiah 9:6-7

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Commentary

EPIPHANY

*Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose pow'r a scepter sways.*

Children's Sermon

Matthew 2:1-2

Then entered in those Wise Men three, full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Commentary

LENT

*Crown him the Lord of love—
Behold his hands and side.*

John 18:33-37

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

Commentary

EASTER

*Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave.*

1 Corinthians 15:20-25

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Commentary

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Ephesians 1:20-23

PENTECOST

*Crown him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above.*

Acts 5:27-32

Holy Spirit, strong and mighty, thou who makest all things new,
Make thy work within us perfect and the evil Foe subdue.
Grant us weapons for the strife and with vict'ry crown our life.

Commentary

LIFE IN THE KINGDOM

*Crown him the Lord of years,
The potentate of time.*

Matthew 25:31-40

Offering and Prayers

(Holy Communion, if offered, is celebrated at this time.)

Benediction from Revelation 1:4-6

P Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C **To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
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Complete Script For Worship Leaders

- The **Opening Hymn Verse** is sung by the congregation to the tune Coronation 86 86 86:

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

- The **Responsive Dialog** (from Revelation 1:4-6) is spoken responsively by the pastor and the congregation:
 - ☐ Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
 - ☑ **To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

- **Jeremiah 23:5-6** is read by the pastor:

Ⓟ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

- This **Hymn Verse** is sung by the congregation to the tune Coronation 86 86 86:

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

- This **Christ the King Commentary** is delivered by the pastor:

Ⓟ The emphasis of our worship today is on CHRIST THE KING. Every reading and every hymn was chosen to point to Jesus Christ as the One to be crowned Lord of all. You will notice “royal” words occurring frequently—not just king and kingdom, but words like throne, crown, dominion, authority, rule, reign. The emphasis of our worship today is on CHRIST THE KING.

But not just today. And that is the reason for the format of this service. In the next few moments, by means of Scripture and song and commentary, we will be moving through an entire Church Year (the one now coming to a close on this Sunday of the Fulfillment, as well as the new year about to begin). Throughout the year, in every season we celebrate—as throughout our lives, in every circumstance in which we find ourselves—JESUS CHRIST IS KING, the Lord who comes to us by God’s own sending, to make us members of the Royal Family.

- The **Advent** section begins. The choir or congregation may sing these two lines to the tune Diademata SMD:

*Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne.*

- **Luke 1:26-27, 30-33** is read by the pastor:

Ⓟ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

- This **Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Komm, O Komm, Du Geist Des Lebens 87 87 77:

Holy Spirit, strong and mighty, thou who makest all things new,
Make thy work within us perfect and the evil Foe subdue.
Grant us weapons for the strife and with vict'ry crown our life.

Measures 1-5 of the piano score. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). Measure 1 starts with a whole rest in both staves. The melody in the treble clef begins in measure 2 with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter rest, and then a series of quarter notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The bass clef accompaniment starts in measure 2 with a quarter note G3, followed by a quarter rest, and then a series of quarter notes: A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3. The piece concludes in measure 5 with a whole note chord of G4, B4, C5 in the treble and G3, B3, C4 in the bass.

Measures 6-10 of the piano score. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). Measure 6 begins with a quarter note G4 in the treble and a quarter note G3 in the bass. The treble clef continues with quarter notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The bass clef continues with quarter notes: A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3. The piece concludes in measure 10 with a whole note chord of G4, B4, C5 in the treble and G3, B3, C4 in the bass.

Measures 11-15 of the piano score. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). Measure 11 begins with a quarter note G4 in the treble and a quarter note G3 in the bass. The treble clef continues with quarter notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The bass clef continues with quarter notes: A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3. The piece concludes in measure 15 with a whole note chord of G4, B4, C5 in the treble and G3, B3, C4 in the bass.

- The **Closing Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Coronation 86 86 86:

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.