

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing, of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Virgin's Son, the God Incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Tree, as of that Tree the Stem;
The Root whence flows Thy mercy free, the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of Love: behold His hands and side;
Rich wounds yet visible above In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of glory now extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time.
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be upon *you* today and always. **Amen.**

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Opening Greeting

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come Lord and open for us the gates of your kingdom.

We sing or say

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.



Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.



We say Sorry to God and we Receive God's Forgiveness

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.**

May the God of love call *you* back, forgive *you* your sins,
and assure *you* of eternal love in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The Prayer for Today

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service; whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen.**

Bible reading: Psalm 95:1-8

Reflection (attached)

We Declare our Faith

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.

1 Corinthians 15:3-7

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

A Prayer in Lockdown

Ever present God, be with us in our isolation, be close to us in our distancing, be healing in our sickness, be joy in our sadness, be light in our darkness, be wisdom in our confusion, be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar, that when the doors reopen we may with the zeal of Pentecost inhabit our communities and speak of your goodness to an emerging world. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

The 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.

cf Colossians 3:14-15

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

We offer one another a sign of God's peace

We sing or say