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Parish Church

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ

MEN'S SUNDAY AT CCPC

Year C | November 23, 2025

Holy Eucharist with Hymns 7:00 A.M.

Choral Eucharist 9:30 A.M.

The Reverend Canon Mark Harewood Rector, Christ Church Parish Church

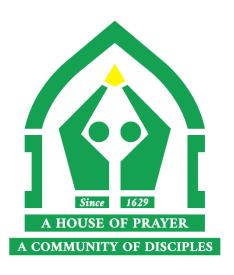
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As all the baptised may receive the Blessed Sacrament, please note the following:

- Baptized infants and children under the age of 3
 are allowed to receive the host [consecrated
 bread] or a fraction of the host only from their
 parents.
- Baptized children, ages 3-15, who regularly attend worship as members of the church, may receive communion in both kinds [consecrated bread and consecrated wine] through intinction after the parents or guardians of those children have met with the priest and given their consent for both kinds to be administered.
- All baptized persons, ages 16 and older, whether confirmed or not, may receive communion without permission from others.

ORDER OF SERVICE¹

THE PREPARATION

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Welcome Brother Ian Best
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¹ The Order of Service follows the relevant Liturgy, Rite or Office in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) of the Church in the Province of the West Indies (CPWI). The Old Testament, New Testament and Gospel readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible: Anglicized Edition. The hymns are from the CPWI Hymnal (CPWIH), the Complete Mission Praise (MP), or Hymns Ancient & Modern (A&M), as indicated.

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~ O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of host: My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Psalm 84: 1,2 ~

ALTAR FLOWERS:

We wish to thank those who make donations to the flower fund, as well as the Altar & Flower Guild, for the beautiful arrangements.

The flowers for the Last Sunday after Pentecost are given in thanksgiving for the men and boys of today's congregations and for Ms Sade Edwards' birthday, today, November 23, 2025.

To God be the Glory!

If you wish to mark any special occasion with an altar flowers donation, please call the office during opening hours, or you may make your donation via our website on the <u>Altar Flowers Donation Page here</u>.

THE PREPARATION

MUSICAL TRIBUTE

BROTHER JOHN BURNETT

Organist & Choir Director

WELCOME

BROTHER IAN BEST

Convenor, Men's Sunday at CCPC

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand for the Opening Prayer by the Lay Eucharistic Minister.

Entrance of Choir and Liturgical Ministers.

HYMN: INTROIT CPWIH 193

Rejoice! The Lord is King

Rejoice! The Lord is King, Your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore: lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above: lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His Kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given: lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet: lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Ascension.....BCP, Page 98

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14, 16

THE GREETING

BCP, PAGE 101

PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.

Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF INTENTION

BCP, PAGE 101

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, PAGE 101

ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

BCP, PAGE 102

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.

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

PRESIDENT: Let us pray.

Proper 29; The Reign of Christ..... BCP, Page 181/198

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under His most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

A reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Jeremiah, chapter 23, beginning to read from verse 1:

23:1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

23:2 Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.

23:3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

23:4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

23:5 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.

23:6 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."

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 16 THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH Benedictus Dominus Deus, Luke 1: 68-79

- Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
- He has raised up for us a mighty savior, * born of the house of his servant David.

- Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, * from the hands of all who hate us.
- 4. He promised to show mercy to our fathers * and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, * to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6. Free to worship him without fear, * holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- To give his people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins.
- In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10.To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son * and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now * and ever shall be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSSON

A reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle of Paul to the Colossians, chapter 1, beginning to read from verse 11:

- 1:11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully
- 1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.
- 1:13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,
- 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,
- 1:16 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.

1:17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

1:18 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.

1:19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

1:20 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.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: GRADUAL CPWIH 410

Brothers, joining hand to hand

Brothers, joining hand to hand, in one bond united, pressing onward to that land where all wrongs are righted: let your words and actions be worthy your vocation; chosen of the Lord, and free, heirs of Christ's salvation.

Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, who hath gone before you through the turmoil and the strife, holds His banner o'er you; all who see the sacred sign press towards heaven's portal, fired by hope that is divine, love that is immortal.

They who follow fear no foe, care not who assail them; where the Master leads, they go, he will never fail them; courage, brothers! We are one, in the love that sought us; soon the warfare shall be done, through the grace he brought us.

THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 23:33-43

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GOSPELLER: A Reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Luke, the twenty-third chapter, beginning at the thirty-third

verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

- 23:33 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.
- 23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.
- 23:35 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!"
- 23:36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine
- 23:37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"
- 23:38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."
- 23:39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"
- 23:40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?

23:41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

23:42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."

23:43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

GOSPELLER: (This is) The Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

THE ADDRESS

BROTHER ELRIDGE DIXON

Convenor, Men's Sunday at CCPC

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, PAGE 104

ALL:

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

one in Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.

THE PRAYERS / INTERCESSIONS

Form B (BCP, Page 107), with Petitions for Men's Sunday

LEADER: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

ALL: That we all may be one.

LEADER: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

LEADER: We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;

ALL: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

LEADER: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

ALL: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

LEADER: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

ALL: That our works may find favour in your sight.

LEADER: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEADER: Give to the departed eternal rest;

ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

LEADER: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

LEADER: Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

LEADER:

Today, we pray for the needs of the men and boys in our parish, within a Men's Ministry committed to Worship, Outreach, Renewal, and Knowledge.

LEADER:

Worship: As men, may we wholeheartedly engage in worship, using our voices and talents to glorify God and inspire those around us.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer

LEADER:

Outreach: We ask that the men in our community be motivated to reach out to those in need, sharing their time, resources, and love to uplift others and embody Christ's message of compassion.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer

LEADER:

Renewal: We pray for a renewal of faith among the men in our parish, that they may seek deeper relationships with God and each other, embracing transformation in their hearts and lives.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer

LEADER:

Knowledge and Mentorship: We ask for God's guidance as we pursue knowledge that deepens our faith. May the men in our community seek understanding through study and skill development, to share with others. We pray for the men in our church to assume mentorship roles, guiding younger generations with their experience and fostering a culture of learning and growth within our community.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer

LEADER:

For Unity in Our Mission: We ask for God's blessing on our collective efforts as men and boys in the church, that we may work together effectively in our Worship, Outreach, Renewal and Knowledge. Father in Heaven.

ALL: Hear our prayer

LEADER:

We pause now to silently lift up our own intentions, trusting that God hears our prayers and knows our hearts.

Silence may be kept

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer

Amen.

STATEMENT OF FAITH FOR THE MEN AND BOYS

Men and boys of the congregation, say together:
Heavenly Father, united in our mission and purpose,
we stand together as brothers in Christ, ready to
support one another in Worship, Outreach,
Renewal, and Knowledge. We believe in the

strength of our collective efforts and have faith that, through our dedication and your grace, we can make a meaningful impact both in the Church of Christ and in the wider world. Amen.

Silence may be kept.

(the entire congregation)

ALL: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords to your will; and the good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

BCP, PAGE 123

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

One of the following forms will be used:

Form A

ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Form B

BCP, Page 124

ALL:

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

BCP, PAGES 124-125

One of the following forms shall be said:

FORM A

PRESIDENT: We are the body of Christ. By the one

Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to

drink of the one Spirit.

ALL: Let us then pursue the things that

make for peace and build up the

common life.

FORM B

PRESIDENT: If you are offering your gift at the

altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

ALL: Leave your gift there before the altar

and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer

your gift.

FORM C

PRESIDENT: The Kingdom of God is justice, peace,

and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL: They who thus serve Christ are

acceptable to God and approved by

others.

PRESIDENT: The peace of the Lord be always with

you.

ALL: And also with you.

HYMN OF PEACE CPWIH 437 [ADAPTED LYRICS]

Rise up, O men of God

Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things, give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God! His kingdom tarries long: Lord, bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.

Lift high the cross of Christ!

Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, O men of God!

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY & NOTICES

The Welcome Song

Welcome friend on this day,
Yes, we're glad you have joined us.
Take your place fill your hearts
With Christ's love which surrounds us.
Glory to God may you live and grow,
In His love forever.
Welcome friend on this day,
Know we're glad you have joined us.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

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HYMN: OFFERTORY CPWIH 246

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

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

Crown him, ye morning stars of light, who fixed this floating ball;

now hail the strength of Israel's might, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue before him prostrate fall, and shout in universal song the crownèd Lord of all.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS BCP, PAGE 126

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to

become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda BCP, Page 126

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our

God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and

praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

Preface: Ascension

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Sanctus and Benedictus

BCP, Page 131

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Eucharistic Rite A-E (as announced) BCP, Page 133-144

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, PAGE 144

PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP, PAGE 145

One of the following forms will be used:

Form A

PRESIDENT: We break this bread to share in the

body of Christ.

ALL: Though we are many, we are one

body, because we all share in one

bread.

Form B

PRESIDENT: God of promise, You have prepared a

Banquet for us

ALL: Happy are those who are called to

the supper of the Lamb.

Form C

PRESIDENT: This is the true bread which comes

from heaven

ALL: Whoever eats this bread will live

forever.

THE AGNUS DEI

BCP, PAGE 147

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.

THE INVITATION

BCP, PAGE 145-146

One of the following forms will be used:

Form A

PRESIDENT:

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His

Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL:

Grant gracious Lord, that we so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

Form B

PRESIDENT:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL:

Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

Form C

PRESIDENT:

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

ALL:

We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls

made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.

HYMNS: COMMUNION, BLESSINGS CPWIH 627, 552, 196, 644 & 243

CPWIH 627 – We pray thee, heavenly Father

We pray thee, heavenly Father, to hear us in thy love, and pour upon thy children the unction from above; that so in love abiding, from all defilement free, we may in pureness offer our Eucharist to thee.

Be thou our guide and helper,
O Jesus Christ, we pray;
so may we well approach thee,
if thou wilt be the Way:
thou, very Truth, hast promised
to help us in our strife,
food of the weary pilgrim,
eternal source of life.

And thou, creator Spirit, look on us, we are thine; renew in us thy graces, upon our darkness shine; that, with thy benediction upon our souls outpoured, we may receive in gladness the body of the Lord.

O Trinity of Persons,
O Unity most high,
on thee alone relying
thy servants would draw nigh:
unworthy in our weakness,
on thee our hope is stayed,
and blessed by thy forgiveness
we will not be afraid.

CPWIH 552 – I need thee every hour

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee!
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour!
I come to thee.

I need thee every hour; stay thou near by; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

Refrain

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

Refrain

I need thee every hour, teach me thy will; and thy rich promises in me fulfil.

Refrain

I need thee every hour, most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou blessèd Son.

Refrain

CPWIH 196 – The head that once was crowned with thorns

The head that once was crowned with thorns, is crowned with glory now:

a royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal Light.

the joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below, to whom he manifests his love, and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is given: their name an everlasting name, their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below, they reign with him above; their profit and their joy to know the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him; his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

CPWIH 644 - Come, sing with holy gladness

Come, sing with holy gladness, high alleluias sing, uplift your loud hosannas to Jesus, Lord and King; sing, boys, in joyful chorus your hymn of praise today, and sing, ye gentle maidens, your sweet responsive lay.

'Tis good for boys and maidens sweet hymns to Christ to sing, 'tis meet that children's voices should praise the children's King: for Jesus is salvation, and glory, grace, and rest: to babe, and boy, and maiden the one Redeemer Blest.

O boys, be strong in Jesus, to toil for him is gain, and Jesus wrought with Joseph with chisel, saw, and plane; O maidens, live for Jesus, who was a maiden's Son; be patient, pure, and gentle, and perfect grace begun.

Soon in the golden city
the boys and girls shall play,
and through the dazzling mansions
rejoice in endless day;
O Christ, prepare thy children
with that triumphant throng
to pass the burnished portals,
and sing the eternal song.

CPWIH 243 – When all thy mercies, O my God

When all thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys, transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love and praise.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul thy tender care bestowed, before my infant heart conceived from whom those comforts flowed.

When in the slippery paths of youth with heedless steps I ran, thine arm unseen conveyed me safe, and led me up to man.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ;

and not the least a cheerful heart which tastes those gifts with joy.

Through every period of my life thy goodness I'll pursue and after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew.

Through all eternity to thee a joyful song I'll raise; for, O, eternity's too short to utter all thy praise!

THE DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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One of the following prayers shall be said:

First Prayer

Almighty Father,
we thank you for feeding us with the Body
and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who share His Body live His risen life;
we who drink His cup bring life to others;
we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,
so we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Prayer

Eternal God and Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Send us now into the world in peace, and
grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you, and all persons in you, with
gladness and singleness of heart, through your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Third Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

BLESSING

Ascension to Eve of Pentecost

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

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen.

DAY BY DAY

Day by day,
Dear lord, of these three things, I pray,
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

HYMN: POST-COMMUNION CPWIH 440

We are soldiers of Christ, who is mighty to save

We are soldiers of Christ, who is mighty to save, and his banner the cross is unfurled; we are pledged to be faithful and steadfast and brave against Satan, the flesh, and the world.

[VERSE 2: MEN & BOYS ONLY]

We are brothers and comrades, we stand side by side, and our faith and our hope are the same; and we think of the cross on which Jesus has died, when we bear the reproach of his name.

At the font we were marked with the cross on our brow, of our grace and our calling the sign: and the weakest is strong to be true to his vow, for the armour we wear is divine.

We will watch ready armed if the tempter draw near, if he comes with a frown or a smile: we will heed not his threats, nor his flatteries hear, nor be taken by storm or by wile.

We will master the flesh, and its longings restrain, we will not be the bond-slaves of sin, the pure Spirit of God in our nature shall reign, and our spirits their freedom shall win.

For the world's love we live not, its hate we defy, and we will not be led by the throng; we'll be true to ourselves, to our Father on high, and the bright world to which we belong.

Now let each cheer his comrade, let hearts beat as one, while we follow where Christ leads the way; 'twere dishonour to yield, or the battle to shun, we will fight, and will watch, and will pray.

Though the warfare be weary, the trial be sore, in the might of our God we will stand;
Oh! What joy to be crowned and be pure evermore, in the peace of our own fatherland.

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