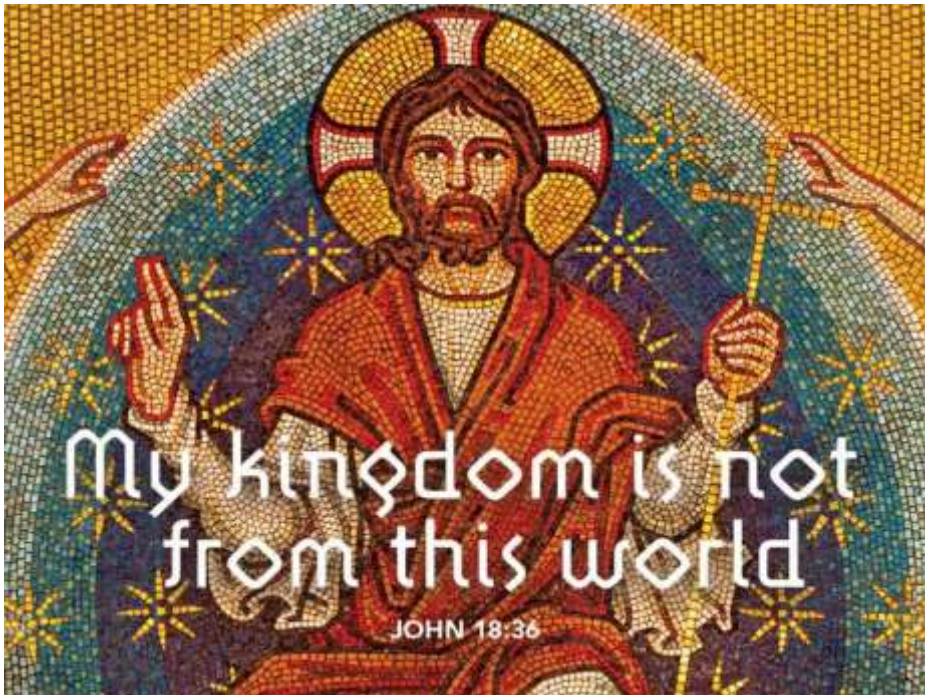


# *Christ the King*



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*Kviteseid Lutheran Church  
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# RDER OF SERVICE

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*Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church...* Today we celebrate Christ the King, whose kingdom is grace and who rules by love.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN**      “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”      (vs. 1-3)      ELW #634

## INTRODUCTION

*Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king’s title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the “one like a human being” (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel’s vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

## DIALOG FOR CHRIST THE KING

**P**      Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

**C**      **O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**P**      Rejoice greatly, for Christ is your King.

**C**      **Blessing and honor and glory be unto him.**

**P**      Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe;  
you have delivered us from sin and death.

**C**      **By your blood, you have brought your people into your kingdom.**

**P**      Therefore God has highly exalted him:

**C**      **And bestowed on him the name which is above every name;**

**P**      That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow:

**C**      **And every tongue confess him the King of glory.**

**P**      Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

**C**      **O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**HYMN**      “Crown Him with Many Crowns”      (vs. 1)      ELW #855

## READING: Revelation 11:15-17

**P**      Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet,  
and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

**C**      **“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord  
and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever.”**

**P**      Then the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God  
fell on their faces and worshipped God, singing,

**C** “We give you thanks, Lord God almighty, who are and who were;  
for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.”

**HYMN** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (vs. 3) ELW #855

**READING: Revelation 12:10-11**

**P** Then I heard a loud voice proclaiming,

**C** “Now have come the salvation of our God and the authority of his Messiah,  
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.”

**P** “But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,

**C** “for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.”

**HYMN** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (vs. 4) ELW #855

**READING: Revelation 5:12, 9, 10, 13**

**P** “Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered”

**C** “and by his blood ransomed for God saints from every tribe  
and language and people and nations,”

**P** “and made them to be a kingdom and priests serving God.”

**C** “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

*(Sung)*

**Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown Him the King to whom is giv’n the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Sovereign God we confess we have given idols power over us, the idols of  
power and wealth, fame and security. We confess we have fallen into the ways  
of this world and have forgotten our kindred in Christ. We have lost sight of the  
reign of God here on earth, and instead have allowed the idols of the world to  
rule over us.

**C** **Forgive us. Call us into Your reign, to declare You the One who has power  
over us because Your power is love. Call us to love our neighbors as  
ourselves, and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another in the  
name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Jesus came to us not to reign as a king over us, but to serve us, and to show us  
the way of God is the way of love. Jesus said the first would be last and the last  
would be first. Jesus called us to become humble and serve one another,

and that the most important commandment was to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. This is the way of our Sovereign. Go, knowing you are forgiven, and love and serve one another, especially our neighbors in need, as Christ serves us.

**C Amen.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray,

**C Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **LESSON: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

#### **PSALM 93**

**L** <sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

**C** <sup>2</sup>**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.**

**L** <sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

**C** <sup>4</sup>**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

**L** <sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

#### **LESSON: Revelation 1:4b-8**

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 18:33-37**

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

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**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and 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,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with 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 and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

**P** God, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

P God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

#### **SHARING THE PEACE**

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

#### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** "Praise and Thanksgiving" (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #689

#### **\*\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray,

C **Holy God, you call us from every tribe, language, people, and nation to share in your everlasting kingdom. Bless these gifts that we offer that we may extend your blessing to others, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **BENEDICTION**

*Based on Revelation 1:4b-6*

P Grace be 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 from 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 a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,  
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" (vs. 5-6) ELW #634

#### **DISMISSAL**

P Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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