

Service for
Seventh Sunday of Easter

King of Glory



King of Peace

St Laurence Church, Downton

Preparation

Acclamation

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Seeing we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heaven, Jesus the Son of God,
let us offer him the praise worthy of his name.

The Team Rector introduces the service

Music: Crown Him with many crowns
(Cambridge Sidney Sussex College Choir)

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly 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 Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
The root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those 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 sceptre 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 paradise 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.

Matthew Bridges (1800 - 1894)

Prayer:

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

Blessed are you, creator God,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters
bringing light and life to your creation,
pour out your Spirit on us today
that we may walk as children of light
and by your grace reveal your presence.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Responses

As we wait in silence,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we listen to your word,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your equipping,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

Acts 1:6-14

John 17:1-11

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Music: *Afferentur Regi (St. Bride's Church Choir)*

Prayers

We are led in a time of prayer

The Lord's Prayer is said:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Conclusion

The Collect

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to
eternal life.

O God the king of glory
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Blessing:

Christ our exalted King
pour upon you his abundant gifts
and bring you to 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.**

Jesus said, I am with you always: to the end of the world.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.