

**Opening Hymn: At the name of Jesus**

At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season,  
to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners  
unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it  
spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious,  
when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant  
with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures,  
to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead,  
to the Father's breast;  
filled it with the glory  
of that perfect rest.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with the Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

*Evelyns 338 NEH*

**The Collect**

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.**

**The New Testament Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked the risen Lord (who was staying with them): 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' Jesus replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Acts 1: 6–14*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Spirit of the living God**

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

*arr. Peter Moger (b.1964)*

**The Gospel**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*St John 17: 1–11*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon & The Creed**

**Offertory Hymn: All hail the power of Jesu's name**

All hail the power of Jesu's name;  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
to crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call;  
the God incarnate, Man divine,  
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  
to him their hearts enthral,  
lift high the universal song,  
and crown him Lord of all.

*Miles Lane 332 NEH*

**Anthem: Lo, I am with you always**

Lo, I am with you always even unto the ends of the world.  
I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.  
Yet a little while, and the world see-eth me no more;  
but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.  
At that day ye shall know that I am in the Father, and ye in me, and I in you.  
He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:  
and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him.  
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:  
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.  
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

*John Rutter (b. 1945)*

**Communion Hymn: King of Kings, Majesty**

King of kings, Majesty	Earth and Heaven worship You
God of Heaven living in me	Love eternal, Faithful and True
Gentle Saviour, closest friend	Who bought the nations, ransomed souls
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end	Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me falls at Your throne	All within me cries out in praise.

*Your Majesty, I can but bow  
I lay my all before You now  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve Your Majesty*

*Majesty 700 AM*

**Dismissal: Christ triumphant, ever reigning**

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!*

Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth!	Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above!
power and majesty concealing by your humble birth:	sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

*Guiting Power 612 AM*