

**ORDER for BAPTIST MINISTRY**

**Daily Office: Creating God**

**Alternative Saturday Morning  
& Christ the King**

**Becoming present to God**

*Through a sign of attentiveness  
like lighting a candle and/or*

+ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

*or*

I saw one like the Son of Man  
coming with the clouds of heaven....

***To him was given dominion,  
and glory and kingship  
and all peoples, nations  
and languages  
should serve him.*** (Dan. 7:13–14)

*or*

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.*** (Jer. 23:5)

## **Celebrating the presence of God**

Gracious Father  
by raising Jesus Christ  
from death to life  
and through his  
glorious ascension into heaven  
you have declared him King of all  
***that at his name every knee should bow.***

Glorious Lord,  
you reign at the Father's right hand  
and there, for evermore,  
intercede for us —  
sinners saved by your grace  
and granted the life of the Age to come  
***at your name, we bow our knee.***

Life-giving Spirit  
by whose power we are  
drawn to the saviour  
and through whose gentle  
presence Christ is present to us  
***you raise us to life  
and set our feet upon the Rock.***

***Christ, through whom all things were made;  
in whom all things find their life;  
and to whom all things bring praise finding in You their new name;  
you are the majestic King  
Lord of all space and time  
and God's new name of Love.***

*A pause to name any specific thanks or praise*

## **Acknowledging our humanity**

Jesus Christ,  
you are Lord of all:

## **Forgive us when we resist your rule**

Jesus Christ,  
you are saviour of all:

## **Forgive us when we seek to justify ourselves.**

Jesus Christ, yours in the Kingdom, the power and the glory:

## **Forgive us when we shrink our vision of you to our narrow confines and shadowed sight.**

Our minds are small  
our sight is dim  
our ears blocked  
and our hearts cold,

Come and meet us in our frailty  
**and strengthen us;**  
Come meet us in our blindness  
**and enlighten us;**  
Come meet us in our silence  
**and sing through us;**  
Come meet us in our indifference  
**and set our hearts on fire with love of you. Amen.**

*Silence*

## **Listening for the Word of God**

*From The Common Lectionary*

### **Canticle - Optional**

*God has Spoken by His Son*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors  
in many and various ways  
by the prophets,

***but in these last days  
he has spoken to us by a Son,  
whom he appointed heir  
of all things,  
through whom he also  
created the worlds.***

He is the reflection of God's glory  
and the exact imprint  
of God's very being  
***and he sustains all things  
by his powerful word.***

When he had made  
purification for sins,  
he sat down at the right hand  
of the Majesty on high,  
***having become as much  
superior to angels  
as the name he inherited  
is more excellent to theirs.***

***Of the Son, he says  
'Your throne, O God,  
is for ever and ever,  
and the righteous sceptre  
is the sceptre of your kingdom.'***

(from *Hebrews 1.1-6,8*. NRSV)  
*The Revelation of the Son's glory*

In the midst of the lampstands  
I saw one like the Son of Man  
clothed with a long robe  
and with a golden sash  
across his chest.

***His head and his hair  
were white as white wool,  
white as snow;***

his eyes were like  
a flame of fire,

**his feet were like  
burnished bronze,  
refined as in a furnace,**  
and his voice was like the  
sound of many waters.

**In his right hand  
he held seven stars,**  
and from his mouth  
came a sharp,  
two-edged sword,  
**and his face was like  
the sun shining with full force.**

He placed his hand on me, saying  
**'Do not be afraid;  
I am the first and the last,  
and the living one.  
I was dead, and see,  
I am alive for ever and ever;  
and I have the keys  
of Death and of Hades.'**

(Revelation 1:13–18.. NRSV)

## **Reflecting on our roots**

**Living God,  
enable us this day by your Spirit  
to be pilgrims and companions:  
committed to the way of Christ,  
faithful to the call of Christ,  
discerning the mind of Christ,  
offering the welcome of Christ,  
growing in the likeness of Christ,  
engaging in the mission of Christ,  
in the world that belongs to Christ.**

## **Bringing our concerns**

Christ, whose rule extends from shore to shore

***hear us***

***as we bring before you  
the needs of the world:***

Where there is violence  
bring peace.

*silence.....*

Where there is weeping  
bring comfort.

*silence.....*

Where there is abuse of the weak  
bring protection

*silence.....*

Where there is exploitation of earth's riches  
bring restraint

*silence.....*

Where there are lies  
speak truth.

*Silence.....*

*Lord's Prayer*

***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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.***

**Going to love and serve**

Since you are Lord of all  
***reign in us,  
reign through us,  
reign over us,  
to your glory, by your grace  
and though your power,  
majestic God.***

*Optional:*

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and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

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