

Kingdom Season, From the day after All Saints' Day until the day before the First Sunday of Advent

Invitation to Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *cf Matthew 3.2*

or

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

or

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil distortions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish peace which God wills for all his children.

Penitential Kyrie

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom. Lord, have mercy.

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You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

or

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Introduction to the Peace

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. *Colossians 3.14,15*

or

May the God of peace sanctify you: may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before him at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

1 Thessalonians 5.23; 3.13

Eucharistic Prefaces

Short Preface (contemporary language)

And now we give you thanks that he is the King of glory, who overcomes the sting of death and opens the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He is seated at your right hand in glory and we believe that he will come to be our judge.

or

And now we give you thanks because in him you have received us as your sons and daughters, joined us in one fellowship with the saints, and made us citizens of your kingdom.

Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, for ever praising you and saying:

Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing ...

or

May Christ who makes saints of sinners, who has transformed those we remember today, raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world; and the blessing ...

or

May God give to you and to all those whom you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing...

Solemn Blessing

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

(Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.)

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises. **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing ...