

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run,
its his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leap to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honour to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart!

lift up your voice!

Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love:
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

refrain

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.

refrain

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice,
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

First Reading

Acts 1.6-14

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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.'

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴All 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 Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

Second Reading

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel

John 17.1-11

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord Alleluia, Alleluia.

¶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.¶

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All Praise to you, O Christ Alleluia, Alleluia.