

## Opening Hymn: CP 379 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, 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.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

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!

**Gradual Hymn:**  
**CP 451 King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You**

King of love, O Christ, we crown you  
Lord of thought and Lord of will,  
each demand of your high challenge  
dedicated to fulfil;  
we with you by grace co-workers,  
till, where human foot hath trod,  
peoples, kings, dominions, races,  
own the empire of our God.

King of life, you have created  
wheat in golden harvest spread:  
make your servants strong to serve you  
by the gift of daily bread.  
Feed us with your body broken,  
with your blood outpoured sustain,  
that our souls divinely strengthened  
may the life eternal gain.

King of mercy, you have saved us  
from the haunting sense of loss,  
nailing in your vast compassion  
sin's indictment to the cross.  
Those who love, by your sore anguish  
from the past you cleanse and free,  
breathing words of absolution  
throned and reigning from the tree.

King triumphant, King victorious,  
take your throne our hearts within,  
lest the might of fierce temptation  
snare us into deadly sin.  
By the Spirit's rich anointing  
grant us strength life's race to run,  
till the power of sin be vanquished,  
till the prize of God be won.

**Closing Hymn: CP 631**  
**The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy**

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share;  
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All in All.