

Jesus Christ, Ruler of All

This worship theme can be spoken and sung in this order or in the suggested order given on the next page. However, you should shape it to the practices of your congregation, possibly placing different elements at different places, or skipping or adding elements as needed.

Suggested Order

I. Psalm 45:6

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness

II. [One or Two Songs]

III. Revelation 11:15

¹⁵ Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.

IV. [More Songs, Meditation, and/or Other Key Scriptures]

V. Revelation 11:16–17

¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying,

**We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
who is and who was,
for you have taken your great power
and begun to reign.**

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- Text is from ESV. Can be read in KJV instead
 - This can be on a handout or presentation, or the congregation can read it from their Bibles
 - Song leader can read normal text, congregation joins on bold text
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Other Key Scriptures

Zechariah 9:9–10, Psalm 47

Songs

Crown Him With Many Crowns		HC 259	MH 191
Joy to the World	CH 781	HC 267	MH 122
Jesus Shall Reign	CH 498	HC 263	MH 203
Onward March, All- Conquering Jesus		HC 272	
Responsive Hymn:			
King of My Life I Crown Thee Now	CH 794	HC 414	
Alternate Hymns:			
Wake the Song of Jubilee		HC 273	MH 199
Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices		HC 266	MH 201

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- Choose from these songs, perhaps interspersing them throughout.
 - CH = Christian Hymnary, HC = Hymns of the Church, MH = Mennonite Hymnal
 - Verses of the responsive hymn can be sung between elements of this worship theme. Since it is in the public domain, it may be freely copied from HC.
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Meditation

Zechariah prophesied about the coming King to Jewish people. This humble King is ruler of all, from east to west and the ends of the earth. Earthly kings failed the Jewish nation again and again, just like today. But King Jesus will not fail, will not break promises, and rules with truth and grace. Jesus came to break the curse of sin and restore His people as sons and daughters.

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- Use this for your personal preparation or read it for the congregation
 - Extemporize on these questions or invite response from the congregation
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We understand the power and respect that earthly kings demand. The office of a ruler is revered and honored. As part of Christ's Kingdom, Jesus is our Ruler. Our utmost respect and honor must be given to Him. As mortals, we are swayed by tangible rulers we can see, hear and "touch." Jesus requires us to believe in faith that *He* is LORD. Keep your eyes on Jesus. The truth we need to believe is that Jesus is in control, has always been in control, and will always be in control. All nations and people will have to bow the knee, now or when He returns. Acknowledging and aligning ourselves with these truths brings peace and rest to our lives. As you sing this morning, notice how often these hymns confirm the truth of King Jesus reigning over all, forever. Hail Him as your King for all eternity!

- Does/should your behavior change when you are in the presence of a king (president, ruler, queen etc.)?
- How can you acknowledge Jesus as King in the coming week?
- How can you crown Jesus King and bow your knees to Him here on earth?