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Edward King



Edward King was born in 1829 and educated at Oriel College, Oxford, the spiritual home of the Oxford Movement. He was not an able student.

He was ordained in 1854 as curate of Wheatley near Oxford. He was soon known as a remarkably effective pastor and counsellor.

In 1862 he became Principal of Cuddesdon, a recently founded theological college near Oxford. He led there for ten years during which time the spiritual life of the college flourished.

He was appointed Bishop of Lincoln in 1885. He was the first bishop in the Church of England to wear a mitre since the Reformation and was persecuted mercilessly for it. He died in 1910. There were soon calls for the Church of England to declare him a saint—it's first in nearly 400 years.

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Introduction and welcome

HYMN 1 [How deep the Father's love for us](#) (click on this link to hear the hymn)
[How deep the Father's love for us](#) (instrumental) (click on this link)

The Welcome

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

The Preparation

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

And the second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

In sorrow for our sins and with faith in his mercy,

let us turn to the Lord,

for with him there is mercy and plenteous redemption.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Gloria

This Gloria is sung to the tune of 'Cwm Rhondda'. Click [here](#) for the tune.

All Glory be to God in Heaven,
Songs of joy and peace we bring,
Thankful hearts and voices raising,
To creation's Lord we sing.
Lord we thank you, Lord we praise you,
Glory be to God our King:
Glory be to God our King.

Lamb of God, who on our shoulders,
Bore the load of this world's sin;
Only Son of God the Father,
You have brought us peace within.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,

**Now your glorious reign begin:
Now your glorious reign begin.**

**You O Son of God are Holy,
You we praise with one accord.
None in heav'n or earth is like you,
Only you are Christ the Lord.
With the Father and the Spirit,
Ever worshipped and adored:
Ever worshipped and adored.**

The Collect for Edward King

O God, our heavenly Father,
who raised up your faithful servant Edward
to be a bishop and pastor in your Church and to feed your flock:
Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of your Holy Spirit,
that they may minister in your household
as true servants of Christ and stewards of your divine mysteries;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
All Amen.

First reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

Ho! Everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food. *Isaiah 55:10-11*

This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Second reading

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians

Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to beings that by nature are not gods. Now, however, that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits? How can you want to be enslaved to them again? You are observing special days, and months, and seasons, and years. I am afraid that my work for you may have been wasted.

Friends, I beg you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong. You know that it was because of a physical infirmity that I first announced the gospel to you; though my condition put you to the test, you did not scorn or despise me, but welcomed me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. What has become of the goodwill you felt? For I testify that, had it been possible, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth? They make much of you, but for no good purpose; they want to exclude you, so that you may make much of them. It is good to be made much of for a good purpose at all times, and not only when I am present with you. My little children, for whom I am again in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, I wish I were present with you now and could change my tone, for I am perplexed about you. *Galatians 4:8-20*

This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN 2 Holiness is your life in me

[\(click on this link to hear the hymn\)](#)

Gospel reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said, 'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

'Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:7-15

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Jesus introduced his trademark prayer by warning against words. Instead, for him, praying involved communing with God and was always the fuel to empower later action. That action might involve miracles, choices (for example before choosing his twelve disciples) or strength to continue (for example in Gethsemane before His passion or seeking solace after his cousin John the Baptist was martyred).

Edward King was a man of prayer. In a sense he needed to be because he wanted to become like Jesus.

King was the most unlikely trendsetter. He could be socially awkward and was academically limited. Like Jesus, He taught a spirituality that was both ancient but also often threatening in its novelty. Like his Lord and Saviour, King was tried before secular courts. Yet, despite this unhelpful pedigree, he became one of the best-loved bishops of his day and was revered as a saint in his own long time. It was prayer that helped him through his excruciations, and that made him Christlike.

King's model of prayer is well explained by today's reading from Isaiah. He knew that most souls are like parched earth in need of water. Isaiah says, 'Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.' In a sense it's obvious: just as dry earth needs that which has been lost—water after dehydration—so a soul needing soul-food should seek God. Isaiah went further, saying: 'You that have no money, come, buy and eat!': he was emphasising how spiritual nourishment is available to all regardless of background, wealth, or status. Jesus' prayer 'Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven' asks much the same.

Isaiah then said, 'Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?' He wanted to convey an image of single mindedness. Prayer that comes from a soul devoted to many things is like a

computer with a virus or warming a house with leaky windows: much of the effort is wasted. We therefore need to analyse our motives and schedules. That's why he continues, saying, 'There is no need to seek anything else.' Jesus rephrases the sentiment when he says, 'Give us this day our *daily* bread.'

Isaiah was a spiritual giant and understood prayer first-hand. That's why he went further still. He says, 'Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.' Most people will not want to pray if it feels like a boring, hard slog. He therefore wants us to find a way of praying that feels positive and good. There are more ways of praying than people willing to pray, so we should explore and maybe innovate, finding a way of praying that is authentic and spiritual. It needs to be enriching and life-enhancing. There are a great many such methods; ask someone who prays often for advice. Jesus says much the same with the words, 'Your Kingdom come': he's reminding us that we pray in order to get closer to God.

Edward King prayed and became the person that God wanted him to be. That he became a College Principal and Bishop is irrelevant: what matters is that he gave comfort and love because, through prayer, he received them himself. He surpassed painful obstacles and it was his prayer to become Christlike that overcame them all.

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
the source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of intercession

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, light of the world,

bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...

Jesus, Lord of life,

All In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,

give food to the hungry ...

and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,

be with us and all who follow you in the way ...

Deepen our appreciation of your truth

and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,

recover the straggler,

bind up the injured,

strengthen the sick

and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,

we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All In your mercy, hear us.

accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All And also with you.

HYMN 3 [Come down O love divine](#) (please click on this link to hear the hymn)
[Come down O love divine](#) (instrumental) (please click on this link)

The liturgy of the Communion Service appears below

The Dismissal

God give you grace to follow his saints
in faith and love and steadfastness
and the blessing of God the Almighty:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and remain with you always.

All Amen.

HYMN 4 [For all the saints](#) (please click on this link to hear the hymn)
[For all the saints](#) (instrumental) (click on this link to hear the hymn)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Eucharistic Prayer (prayer E)

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
And now we give thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
We, your holy Church, acclaim you.
In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Edward King and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

All We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.

Communion is distributed.

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God,
who gave such grace to your servant Edward King
that he served you with singleness of heart
and loved you above all things:
help us, whose communion with you
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord..

All Amen

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.