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[As we wait for the students to file in and get settled, play reflective music in the background to encourage silence and reflection.]

Leader:

[Welcome the children to Eucharistic Adoration. Issue reminders as needed about Christ's True Presence in the Eucharist, behavior expectations, posture, booklets only being held when needed, what to do in the silence, etc. See: "An Introduction for Children about Eucharistic Adoration" for suggestions.]

Tonight you'll be hearing about, reflecting on, and praying to Jesus, our King. In November, our church celebrates the feast of Christ the King which falls the last Sunday before Advent starts. The Feast of Christ the King was created by Pope Pius XI (11th) in 1925. He created the feast because people were living in a way that indicated they didn't believe Jesus Christ existed. The feast honors Jesus Christ as Lord over all creation.

In Philippians we hear, "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" ¹ So let us kneel now to honor Jesus and spend time with Him in adoration.

Kneelers down. Please kneel. Remember the kneelers stay down the whole time.

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¹ Philippians 2:10-11

Take a moment to quiet yourself, to ready your mind and heart to spend time with our Lord. Take a few deep breathes and feel the Lord's peace fill you.

Father/Deacon will now expose Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as we sing: <u>Come Adore</u> (hymnal)

[The Blessed Sacrament is placed in the monstrance on the altar. The presider then kneels before the altar. If altar servers are available, the priest or deacon incenses the Blessed Sacrament.]

Priest/Deacon:

[The priest or deacon may begin the time of Adoration with a prayer, such as the following.]

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray.

After a brief pause for silent prayer, the presiding minister continues:

Lord our God,
in this great sacrament
we come into the presence of Jesus Christ your Son,
born of the Virgin Mary
and crucified for our salvation.
May we who declare our faith in this fountain of love and mercy
drink from it the water of everlasting life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen. 2

Leader:

Close your eyes for just a moment. Feel the love of your King . . . Jesus . . . fill your heart so very, very full. (pause) This wondrous King . . . our Jesus . . . loves us more than we can ever know . . . loves us so much He died for our sake. (pause a moment)

Open your eyes now and let your eyes joyfully look at your King . . . your Savior . . .

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humbled in the Blessed Sacrament . . . He is truly present . . . He is here with us now. Take a moment to thank Him for being with us today and always. (pause)

We are going to say one of the Fatima prayers taught by Our Lady. Repeat after me: "O Most Holy Trinity, / I adore Thee! / My God! My God! / I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament!" 3

(Pause long enough so the children don't repeat after you anymore.)

Please sit.

Let's take a moment to pray to the Holy Spirit. (Children repeat in sections): Holy Spirit, we ask that You help us to pray / during this wonderful hour with Jesus, / to keep our minds and souls focused on Jesus, / and to keep us close to Him. / Thank You. Amen.

(Pause long enough so the children don't repeat after you anymore.)

Jesus is the King of Kings. Every king, including Jesus, has a throne. In fact, Jesus has several thrones. Let us take some time to visualize the different thrones of Jesus. Close your eyes if you wish . . . think about . . . picture in your head each throne with Jesus on it that you will hear about. (Moment of silence between each throne.)

First, Jesus has His heavenly throne where He sits at the right hand of God the Father. What would the throne look like? Would it be simple or fancy . . . made of wood or something else? Picture Jesus . . . picture Christ the King seated on His heavenly throne. (Moment of silence)

A second throne is our hands as we receive Jesus in the Eucharist . . . make that throne now with your hands . . . think of the reverence and the awe we should have each Sunday as we hold Jesus our King in the throne of our hands or as we go up with our parents as they receive Jesus in the throne of their hands during Communion. (Moment of silence)

Picture our King on the cross . . . the cross on which Jesus was nailed to our salvation . . . this too is a throne. The throne of Jesus that provides our salvation where Christ the King wore a crown of thorns while He willingly died for humanity . . . for His people . . . for us. (Moment of silence)

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³ Fatima Prayer taught by Our Lady of Fatima

The last throne is the monstrance where we now see Jesus hidden in the Eucharist . . . the Blessed Sacrament where by faith we see Him. Open your eyes so you can see our King in His throne. (Moment of silence)

Looking at Jesus repeat: O Jesus, You are the king of all. / Jesus, You are the king of my heart. / O Jesus, I love You! / . . . O Jesus, I Adore Thee! / . . . O Jesus, I love You!

(Pause long enough so the children don't repeat after you anymore.)

In a minute, we are going to prostrate before Jesus. "Our God has humbled Himself to come down and be with us in this Blessed Sacrament. We want do our part to show Him that we love and respect this awesome gift. When we prostrate, we make ourselves very small and humble before Jesus." ⁴

We will be doing an interior prayer which means that slowly and prayerfully, you will repeat silently over and over in your mind and heart the words "Jesus, My King." I will say it the first couple of times to get you going and then you continue silently in your head. If it helps, you can close your eyes so you can remain more attentive to Jesus' Presence and His love.

Step the children through prostration. Kneel on the kneeler, put your bottom on your seat behind you, place your hands on your face, and bring your face to the back of the pew in front of you.

Children repeat: Jesus, my King. (Say aloud several times getting softer and softer)

Prostrate - A couple of minutes of silence.

Please stand

(Younger children)
Priest/ Deacon:

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew Response: Glory to You, O Lord

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴ Children of Hope Leader's Manual pg. 16

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into the buckets. What is bad they throw away." Matthew 13:44-48

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Please sit.

Brief Homily from presider. Or continue with the following reflection.

Leader:

(Younger children) Take a moment to pray to Jesus and asked Him to show you how you can get to the kingdom of heaven.

(A couple minutes of silence.)

(Older children) Christ's kingship is one of humility and service.

Priest/ Deacon:

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Response: Glory to You, O Lord

Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" Mark 10:42-45

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Brief Homily from presider. Or continue with the following reflection.

Leader:

(Older children) Take a moment to pray to Jesus and asked Him to show you one way you can serve others this week at home, school, or at church.

(A couple minutes of silence.)

Sing: The King of Glory (hymnal)

Looking at Jesus in the Blessed Host, repeat: "O Christ Jesus, / I acknowledge You / King of the Universe." 5

(Pause long enough so the children don't repeat after you anymore.)

Keeping your eyes upon Jesus in the monstrance, we are going to have silence mixed with me saying lines of Scripture. Listen to Jesus talking to you in the words and in the silence of your hearts. (Pause between lines.)

"My home is by your altars, The Lord of hosts, my king and my God!" Psalm 84:4

"yes, the Lord our judge, the Lord our lawgiver, the Lord our King, he it is who will save us." Isaiah 33:22

"Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews."" John 19:19

"He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father . . . and of his kingdom there will be no end." Luke 1:32-33

"Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts is the King of glory." Psalm 24:8-10

"King of king and Lord of lords." Revelations 19:16

"I will extol you, my God and king; I will bless your name forever." Psalm 145:1

Repeat this last Psalm after me with slightly different words, but the same meaning: I will praise You, my God and king.

(Pause long enough so the children don't repeat after you anymore.)

(Older children) Pope Benedict said "But in what does this "power" of Jesus Christ the King consist? It is not the power of the kings or the great people of this world; it is the divine power to give eternal life, to liberate from evil, to defeat the dominion of death.

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⁵ Prayer to Christ, King of the Universe

It is the **power of Love** that can draw good from evil, that can melt a hardened heart, bring peace amid the harshest conflict and kindle hope in the thickest darkness. This **Kingdom** of Grace is never imposed and always respects our freedom. Christ came "to bear witness to the truth" (John 18: 37) ⁶

Reflect a moment on our King's divine power, His power of love. Think about how you can honor **Him** by following His examples of love. (A moment of silence.)

(All) Look at Jesus and repeat: "O Lord, / I give my life to You / because You are the Father / of all that exists / especially of my soul." 7

(Pause long enough so the children don't repeat after you anymore.)

Looking at Jesus in the monstrance, we are now going to say parts of <u>The Litany in Honor of Jesus</u>, <u>King of All Nations</u>.

I will say a line and your response will be "Reign in our hearts" which means be King in our hearts. Let's practice that: "Reign in our hearts" (Younger children could say: "Be King in our hearts" instead.)

O Jesus, our Eternal King,

Response: Reign in our hearts.

O Jesus, Most Merciful King,

Response: Reign in our hearts.

O Jesus, Loving King Who offers us Your Healing Grace, Response: Reign in our hearts.

O Jesus, our Eucharistic King,

Response: Reign in our hearts.

O Jesus, King of Heaven and earth, Response: **Reign in our hearts**.

O Jesus, King Whose Throne we are approach with confidence, Response: Reign in our hearts.

O Jesus, King truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament,

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⁶ Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Address, November 22, 2009

⁷ Children of Hope Present Children's Adoration DVD, words of Fr. Antoine

Response: Reign in our hearts.

For the next lines your response will be "May we serve You" Let's practice that one: "May we serve You."

Jesus, King of All Nations, Who Mercifully sends us Your Holy Angels to protect us,

Response: May we serve You.

Jesus, King of All Nations, before Whom every knee shall bend, Response: May we serve You.

Jesus, King of All Nations, Lamb Who will Shepherd us, Response: May we serve You.

Jesus, King of All Nations, Whose Reign is without end, Response: May we serve You.

Jesus, King of All Nations, Whose kindness toward us is steadfast, and whose fidelity endures forever,

Response: May we serve You.

(Pause long enough so the children don't respond anymore.)

In a minute, we are going to prostrate again before Jesus. Please start by kneeling now and looking at Jesus. Repeat after me: "O most awe-inspiring King, / we bow before You and pray" ⁸

Finish coming to the prostration position and take the time to pray to our King.

Prostrate - Try for 4 or 5 minutes of silence.

Please sit.

We are going to pray one Decade of the Rosary. (Let's say the words slowly and think about the words as we say them. I will lead the Decade by saying the first part of the prayers and then you will say the second half.)

⁸ Taken from Christ the King Novena

We are going to focus on the 2nd Glorious Mystery: The Ascension of the Lord: After Jesus had risen from the dead, He spent 40 days on earth with his disciples. After this time, Jesus blessed His disciples and ascended to heaven to sit at the right hand of God.

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory Be

End Rosary with O My Jesus.

We are going to enter into a silent period of prayer from our hearts. In this time, think about the Decade we just prayed - how Jesus ascended into Heaven to sit on His throne as King.

(A couple minutes of silence.)

Let us say together the <u>Act of Spiritual Communion</u> (booklet)

O God, in the wonderful Sacrament of the Eucharist, You have left us a memory of Your Passion, let me, I ask You, receive spiritually the Presence of Jesus. May I now and always feel within me the fruits of Your redemption, You who live and reign forever. Amen.

(If time) Thanksgiving: Jesus, our King, loves us so much that He showers as with many blessings. Let us take time to thank Jesus for some of those many blessings.

Response: "We thank You, Jesus"

For the gift of life, and every moment that we live,

Response: We thank You, Jesus.

For the world around us - the moon, the stars, the refreshing rain, the glorious sunshine, the very air we breathe,

Response: We thank You, Jesus.

For the gift of our faith,

Response: We thank You, Jesus.

For creating us,

Response: We thank You, Jesus.

For guarding us and keeping us safe,

Response: We thank You, Jesus.

For forgiveness of our sin in the Sacrament of Reconciliation,

Response: We thank You, Jesus.

For coming to us in Holy Communion,

Response: We thank You, Jesus.

For having lived, suffered, and died for us,

Response: We thank You, Jesus.

For preparing a place for us in heaven where we hope to live for eternity, Response: We thank You, Jesus. 9

Now in the quiet of your heart thank Jesus for your other blessings.

Pray The Last Word (booklet).

Jesus, I must soon leave You, but I carry away with me the memory of Your love which is an inspiration to come and visit You again in the Most Blessed Sacrament very soon. Until my next visit, I leave my heart, in spirit, before Your Eucharistic Presence. Let its every beat tell You how much I love You and that I am longing to soon be in Your Presence again. Bless me before I go, dear Jesus. Bless my home and all my undertakings. Bless my family and friends and those I have promised to pray for.

"From heaven the Lord looks down and observes the whole human race, surveying from the royal throne all who dwell on earth. The one who fashions the hearts of them all knows all their works." Psalm 33:13-15

Our time with Jesus is closing, "let us bow down and in worship (one more time before we leave); let us kneel before the Lord who made us. For this is our God, whose people we are, God's well-tended flock." Psalm 95:6-7

Please kneel.

[The priest or deacon goes to the altar, genuflects, and kneels.]

Song: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King (booklet)

[During the song, the minister may incense the Holy Eucharist. After the song is finished, he stands and sings or says a prayer such as the following. 10]

Priest/Deacon:

Let us pray.

After a brief pause for silent prayer, the presiding minister continues:

Lord our God,

 $^{^{9}}$ A condensed version of a prayer by John J Cardinal Carberry, Archbishop of St Louis Dec 8, 1977

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you have given us the true bread from heaven. In the strength of this food may we live always by your life and rise in glory on the last day.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen. 11

Moment of silence.

Leader:

Father/Deacon will now do Benediction and Divine Praises. Be sure to make the Sign of the Cross when you receive your blessing from Jesus during Benediction.

[After the prayer, the priest or deacon puts on the humeral veil, genuflects, and goes to the altar. Then he picks up the monstrance and makes the sign of the cross over the people in silence. ¹² During the blessing, servers may incense and ring the bells, according to local tradition.]

Priest/Deacon: Benediction

[After replacing the monstrance on the altar, the priest or deacon may kneel and lead those assembled in the Divine Praises. The Divine Praises can also be said as the priest or deacon reposes the Blessed Sacrament.]

Say The Divine Praises repeating after the presider. (booklet)

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

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¹² No 99 Holy Communion & Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.

The priest/deacon reposes the Blessed Sacrament and Song: <u>Holy God</u>, <u>We Praise Thy Name</u> (booklet)

Extra

[Sometimes you will get through the whole set of plans, sometimes you won't. Here are some extra prayers and reflections in case you get done early. Each group and each session will flow differently depending on the age of the children, how long you pause, and where God leads you that particular time.]

(Older children) Please repeat after me from a section of: Litany of Christ the King

May all nations serve Thee, O Lord. / Who was nailed to Thy throne / on Golgotha, / May all nations serve Thee, O Lord

(Pause long enough so the children don't repeat after you anymore.)

(Younger children) please repeat after me: "Jesus, / You are ruler of all. / Thank You for / Your kindness and love." 13

(Pause long enough so the children don't repeat after you anymore.)

Keeping your eyes upon Jesus in the monstrance, we are going to have silence mixed with me saying lines from the Bible. Listen to Jesus talking to you in the silence of your hearts. (Pause between lines.)

"May all kings bow before him, all nations serve him." Psalms 72:11

"Then Jesus . . . said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me."" Matthew 28:18

"With my whole being I sing endless praise to you. O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks" Psalm 30:13

"For the Lord's Word is true; all his works are trustworthy." Psalm 33:4

"With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy to the King, the Lord."

Psalm 98:6

"But you, Lord, are enthroned forever" Psalm 102:13

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¹³ http://faithfirst.com/html/catechist/lectionary/yearC/Nov25Cat.html

Looking at Jesus in the monstrance, we are now going to say more parts of the <u>Litany in Honor of Jesus</u>, <u>King of All Nations</u>.

I will say a line and your response again will be "Reign in our hearts".

- O Jesus, in Whose Great Mercy we been given the Sacrament of Confession, Response: Reign in our hearts.
- O Jesus, King Most Compassionate toward Your subjects, Response: Reign in our hearts.
- O Jesus, King Whose Kingdom is not of this world, Response: Reign in our hearts.
- O Jesus, King wounded by mankind's indifference, Response: **Reign in our hearts**.

We pray for the poor souls in Purgatory because they need many prayers to go to Heaven. Say Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory. (Repeat in sections.)

Eternal Father, / I offer Thee the most Precious Blood / of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, / in union with the Masses / said throughout the world today, / for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, /for sinners everywhere, / for sinners in the universal church, / those in my own home and within my family. / Amen.

(Pause long enough so the children don't repeat after you anymore.)

(For older children if not used in main part of Adoration.) A reading from the Gospel of Matthew: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and outs of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. (Optional: Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into the buckets. What is bad they throw away." Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.)" Matthew 13:44-50

Take a moment to pray to Jesus and asked Him to show you how you can get to the kingdom of heaven.

(A couple minutes of silence.)

Act of Hope (Repeat in sections.)

O my God, / relying on Your infinite goodness and promises, / I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, / the help of Your grace, / and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, / my Lord and Redeemer. / Amen.

(A moment of silence.)

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.



Repose Song: Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Holy God we praise Thy name; Lord of all we bow before Thee; All on earth Thy scepter claim; All in heaven above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign! x 2

Hark, the loud celestial hymn; Angel choirs above are rising; Cherubim and Seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy, Lord! \times 2

Holy Father, Holy Son, and Holy Spirit: three we name Thee, Though in essence only one; Undivided God we claim Thee, And adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery. \times 2





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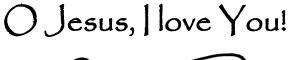


Exposition Song: Come Adore

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Song: The King of Glory

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Act of Spiritual Communion

O God, in the wonderful Sacrament of the Eucharist, You have left us a memory of Your Passion, let me, I ask You, receive spiritually the Presence of Jesus. May I now and always feel within me the fruits of Your redemption, You who live and reign forever. Amen.

Song: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

To Jesus Christ our Sovereign King who is the world's salvation, All praise and homage do we bring and thanks and adoration

Your reign extend O King benign, to every land and nation; For in Your kingdom Lord divine Alone do we find salvation

To You and to Your Church, great King We pledge our heart's oblation; Until before Your throne we sing In endless jubilation

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The Last Word

Jesus, I must soon leave You, but I carry away with me the memory of Your love which is an inspiration to come and visit You again in the Most Blessed Sacrament very soon. Until my next visit, I leave my heart, in spirit, before Your Eucharistic Presence. Let its every beat tell You how much I love You and that I am longing to soon be in Your Presence again. Bless me before I go, dear Jesus. Bless my home and all my undertakings. Bless my family and friends and those I have promised to pray for.



Jesus, my King



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