



The Society of King Charles the Martyr



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Introduction to Liturgical Manual Sample

The purpose of these pages is to provide material a clergyman would need to arrange a commemoration of the Feast of S.Charles (30th January). We hope it fills a need and will encourage further observance of the cult. You will find here the form of service used at the Society's annual commemoration of S.Charles's Day held at the Banqueting House, Whitehall. The material includes the propers for the Mass, lessons, additional prayers and hymns. The Society publishes a Liturgical Manual available through the shop site. This provides further liturgical materials for the observance of Restorationtide (29th May) and the Nativity of S.Charles (19th November) together with The Litany of S.Charles (composed for SKCM) and all known hymns written in his honour.

The observance of the martyrdom of King Charles was popularly maintained from 1660 until the early decades of the nineteenth-century. Its removal from the kalendar was largely a result of Whig influences in Parliament, Lord Stanhope moving the petition for its removal in 1858. However, the Tractarians had lauded S.Charles in the 1830's and as early as 1870 his name had been restored with hagiographic notes in the hugely popular, *Calendar of the Prayer Book Illustrated*, published by James Parker and Co. The founding of SKCM in 1894 increased the celebration of the feast.

The following extract from 'The commemoration of saints and heroes of the faith in the Anglican Communion' appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1958, is quoted at length as showing a clear and independent apologia for S.Charles.

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‘Of the servants of God entered respectively in the Kalendars of 1662 and 1928, two are exceptional in that they had been canonized neither by tradition nor by Rome. And both are kings. King Charles is a clear example of popular canonization; in which Church, State, and popular feeling concurred, and that with a vehemence surprising to the modern generation. At least four churches bear his name, and one has been thus dedicated in the last few years. The Method of “canonization” here was not merely by the insertion in red letters of a name in the Kalendar; but special liturgical services were appointed for the day with proper collect, epistle, and gospel. When, by the statute of 1859 (22 Vict., c. ii, of 25 March), the services for 30 January ceased to be printed in the Prayer Book, the Queen’s Printers considered that the authority of the Act extended to the removal of the name also from the Kalendar. The Propers did indeed reflect the deep emotions of their day too vividly for modern use; but their framing and the Kalendar entry was as genuine a canonization—that, too of a martyr—as the historic Church can how, Convocation, Parliament, and popular acclaim acting in passionate unity’.

S.Charles was restored to the kalendar in the 1980 Alternative Services Book, particularly through the work of SKCM and The Church Union petitioning the Liturgical Commission. The kalendar of the new Common Worship (2000) has maintained the 30th January, apparently with no debate. It must be hoped that the historically brief and politically motivated removal of Charles’s name from the kalendar is now a thing of the past.

LITURGICAL TEXTS

Services for January 30th

Feast of S.Charles K.M.

The Holy Eucharist

The form following is that used at the Society's official service at the Banqueting House. It is that in the 1662 Prayer Book with additional material marked by an asterisk.

* OFFICE OR INTROIT

Let us rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival day in honour of blessed Charles the Martyr: at whose passion the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Psalm 33. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

* COLLECTS

O Lord we offer unto thee all praise and thanks for the glory of Thy grace that shined forth in Thine anointed servant Charles; and we beseech Thee to give us all grace. by a careful studious imitation of this Thy blessed Saint and Martyr, that we may be made worthy to receive benefit by his prayers, which he, in communion with the Church Catholic, offers up unto Thee for that part of it here Militant, through Thy Son, our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ.

From 'Private Forms of Prayer' 1660 by Brian Duppa,
successively Bishop of Salisbury and Winchester

EPISTLE: I PETER 2:13

Brethren: Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme: or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him, for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using

your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men: Love the brotherhood: Fear God, Honour the King. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if when ye be buffeted for your faults ye shall take it patiently? but if when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently; this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps; who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.

*** GRADUAL. Ps. 89**

I have found David my servant: with my holy oil have I anointed him. My hand shall hold him fast; and mine arm shall strengthen him.

V. The enemy shall not be able to do him violence: the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.

Alleluia. ii.

V. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive a crown of life.

*** TRACT. IN SEPTUAGESIMA**

Thou hast given him his heart's desire: and hast not denied him the request of his lips.

V. For thou shalt prevent him with the blessings of goodness.

R. Thou shalt see a crown of pure gold upon his head.

At the Banqueting House Service it has been the custom for the choir to sing the Sequence, printed on page 4, before the Gospel.

GOSPEL ST. MATTHEW 21:33

At that time, Jesus spake this parable unto the multitude of the Jews, and the chief priests: There was a certain householder which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country. And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

Again he sent other servants, more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying: They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves: This is the heir, come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. When the Lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto him: He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

In the offertory shall this sentence be read:

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them; for this is the Law and the Prophets. *Matt 7:12*

*** OFFERTORY. WISDOM OF SOLOMON 3:2**

In the sight of the unwise he seemed to die and his departure was taken for misery; but he is in peace.

*** SECRET**

Mercifully regard, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, this our atoning sacrifice, and give ear to the prayer of the blessed King Charles Thy Martyr; graciously receive it in propitiation for the sins of this Thine household. Through ...

After the prayer for the Church Militant –

O LORD, our heavenly Father, who didst not punish us as our sins have deserved, but hast in the midst of judgement remembered mercy; We acknowledge it thine especial favour, that, though for our many and great provocations, thou didst suffer thine anointed blessed King Charles the First (as on this day) to fall into the hands of violent and blood-thirsty men, and barbarously to be murdered by them, yet thou didst not leave us for ever, as sheep without a shepherd; but by thy gracious providence didst miraculously preserve the undoubted Heir of his Crowns, our then gracious Sovereign King Charles the Second, from his bloody enemies, hiding him under the shadow of thy wings, until their tyranny was overpast; and didst bring him back, in thy good appointed time, to sit upon the throne of his Father; and together with the Royal Family didst restore

to us our ancient Government in Church and state. For these thy great and unspeakable mercies we render to thee our most humble and unfeigned thanks; beseeching thee, still to continue thy gracious protection over the whole Royal Family, and to grant to our gracious Sovereign Queen *Elizabeth*, a long and happy Reign over us: So we that are thy people will give thee thanks for ever, and will alway be shewing forth thy praise from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

AND grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*** COMMUNION. Ps. 2**

The people stood up, and the rulers took counsel together: against the Lord, and against his Anointed.

*** POST-COMMUNION**

May the bread of Heaven imbue us, O Lord, with the spirit of fortitude; for this was the Bread which gave blessed King Charles Thy Martyr strength to fight victoriously for Thy Church. Through ...

Alternative Propers for the Eucharist

INTROIT

This holy man fought to the death for the law of his God, never cowed by the threats of the wicked; his house was built on solid rock.

COLLECTS

O everlasting King, and Lord of creation, by whose heavenly grace your servant Charles triumphed in suffering, and glorified the Church by his death: Grant that we, persevering in faith to the end, may with him attain the crown of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Cloud of Witnesses)

King of Kings and Lord of Lords, whose faithful servant Charles prayed for those who persecuted him and died in the living hope of your eternal kingdom: grant us by your grace so to follow his example that we may love and bless our enemies, through the intercession of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who... *Amen.*

(Calendar, Lectionary and Collects 1998)

O God, who through the victory of martyrdom didst exalt thine anointed servant Charles from a corruptible to an incorruptible crown; give us grace, we pray thee, so to imitate his example, that we may be worthy to be aided by his prayers; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Paul Lansley)

O GOD, who by the victory of martyrdom didst exalt thy Servant Charles from his earthly principality to thy kingdom in heaven; grant that we may always enjoy the effectual defence of his prayers, and live in thy peace all the days of our life; Through...

(Western Rite collect for a martyr king)

O God, who among the manifold works of thine almighty power hast bestowed even upon the weakness of men strength to win the victory of martyrdom; grant, we beseech thee, that we, who on this day recall the heavenly birth of Charles, thy martyr, may so follow in his footsteps, that we may likewise attain unto thee. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Grant we beseech thee Almighty God: that as we celebrate the heavenly birthday of blessed Charles thy Martyr, so by his prayers, we may be established in the love of thy holy Name. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord God, Who out of Thine infinite mercy and goodness didst bring back the captivity of Sion, and in good part restore this then afflicted Church, perfect, we beseech Thee, this Thy great deliverance. Hedge it about with Thy continual protection, with the custody of Angels, with the duty of kings and princes, with the hearts and hands of nobles, and with the affections of all good people. Re-unite all our remaining divisions and reconcile our differences, that with one heart and voice we may serve and praise Thee in Thy Holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(from the original office for January 30th compiled by Dr. Duppa, Bishop of Winchester 1661)

ALMIGHTY Father, Who by the Apostle of Thy dear Son has taught us to obey God rather than man: mercifully grant that, as Thy servant King Charles was faithful unto death in defence of Thy Church, so all kings and rulers may constantly endeavour to govern Thy people in accordance with Thy Holy Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, the triumphant Ruler of an eternal Kingdom, mercifully behold thy servants who celebrate the martyrdom of King Charles; and grant that, as thou didst vouchsafe to receive him into heavenly glory, so we may be partakers of the same; through ...

(From the Daily Office Book Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, Yorkshire.)

Almighty and Everlasting God, Which didst give such grace to Thine Anointed, our late dread Sovereign, that in his life and death he confessed, and showed forth Thy Truth in his humble and patient suffering, for the constant profession thereof, and Who has knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us also grace so to follow him and all other Thy Saints, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(From a form of prayer drawn up by Cosin in 1649 and used in the English Chapels at Paris and The Hague on Tuesdays, the day of the week on which St. Charles was martyred. This prayer was written by Cosin in the margin of a copy of the service.)

THE GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA

Psalm 123

**R. Our life, like a bird, has escaped
from the snare of the fowler.**

1. If the Lord had not been on our side
when men rose against us,
then would they have swallowed us alive
when the anger was kindled. (R.)

2. Then would the waters have engulfed us,
the torrent gone over us;
over our heads would have swept
the raging waters. (R.)

3. Indeed the snare has been broken
and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. (R.)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the man who stands firm when trials come.
He has proved himself,
and will win the prize of life.
Alleluia!

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he hath great delight in his
commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of
the faithful shall be blessed.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thou hast set a crown of pure gold upon his head.
Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for
when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life. alleluia.

OFFERTORY

With glory and worship hast thou crowned him: thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy fingers, O Lord.

SECRET

Lord, accept the gifts we offer in memory of the martyr Charles. May they be pleasing to you as was the shedding of his blood for the faith.

COMMUNION

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. — Wisdom 3:1.

POST COMMUNION

Lord, may the mysteries we receive give us the spiritual courage which made your Martyr Charles faithful in your service and victorious in his suffering.

THE SAINT CHARLES HYMNAL

Hymns 1-4 are usually sung at the Society's official commemoration on
January 30th

1

With thankful hearts Thy Glory
O King of Saints, we sing
Shown in the saintly story
Of Charles, the Martyr-King
Who chose to die, obeying
The voice of conscience dear,
Not live on earth, betraying
All that he counted dear.

Shall, then, his memory perish?
His name we venerate,
The Faith he loved we cherish
His spirit emulate,
That so by Christ-like living
With charity resigned,
Each others' faults forgiving,
We may enrich mankind.

Morning Light (English Hymnal 581)

For long his foes assailed him
Till friends were overthrown
And this world's weapons failed him,
And he was left alone.
No whit his foes relented,
Successful in the strife,
But to their King presented
The choice of death or life.

For all lives lived sincerely
In Christ may God be blest,
To mortals thus most clearly
In mortals manifest —
The Father, who forgiveth
Man's failures in the strife,
The Son, in whom he liveth,
The Spirit, Source of Life!

David Curle, Clerk in Holy Orders

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Royal Charles, who chose to die
Rather than the Faith deny,
Forfeiting his kingly pride
For the sake of Jesu's Bride;
Lovingly his praise we sing,
England's martyr, England's king.

Mirror fair of courtesy,
Flower of wedded chastity,
Humble follower day by day,
Of the Church's holy way;
Lovingly his praise we sing,
England's martyr, England's King.

Redhead No. 76 (English Hymnal 477)

All the way of death he trod
For the glory of his God,
And his dying dignity
Made a bright Epiphany;
Lovingly his praise we sing,
England's martyr, England's king.

Bless we God the Three in One,
For all faithful 'neath the sun,
For the faithful gone before,
And for those our country bore,
Chiefly him whose praise we sing,
England's martyr, England's King.

Dorothy Frances Gurney, 1858 -1932, and
author of 'O Perfect Love'

3

Melcombe (English Hymnal 260)

The praise of Charles, our martyr King,
With heart and voice come let us sing:
Who earthly shame with Christ doth bear,
The Victor's laurel now doth wear.

The prison's gloom, the battle sore,
Christ's martyr here with gladness bore,
And mounting from the scaffold's shame
To his sure hope in heav'n he came.

For holy Church his head he bowed,
Upon the axe his life-blood flowed:
And where that kingly seed was sown
New harvest unto Christ hath grown.

For England's cause to peril brought
Crown, life and freedom deemed he naught:
For England's Church, for England's realm
We pray, lest storms our ark should whelm.

O bless us, Lord, as on his day
Right joyfully we sing our lay:
That following still where he has trod
Our guerdon we may find in God.

C.L.Brown

Claud Brown joined the Society in 1898 and was at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh as Vice Provost 1937-1940 and Chancellor 1939-1940. He died on September 13th, 1961

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St. Stephen (English Hymnal 337)

O holy King, whose severed head
The Martyr's Crown doth ray
With gems for every blood-drop shed,
Saint Charles for England pray!

For England's Church, for England's realm
(Once thine in earthly sway),
Lest storms our Ark should overwhelm,
Saint Charles of England, pray!

Thou for thy murderers didst plead
That January day;
O still, in this our hour of need,
Saint Charles for England pray!

Let us with him whose crown is won,
Meet adoration pay
To God the Father, God the Son,
And Paraclete always.

Ermengarda Greville-Nugent, Foundress of the Society