**Christ the King**

Blessed is the King who comes in the

name of the Lord.

God raised Christ from the dead, and enthroned him at his right hand in heaven.

God has given him dominion, glory and all sovereignty; that all peoples and nations shall serve him.

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he

might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit

and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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**23 November**

**Clement**

**Bishop of Rome**

**Martyr c.100**

Creator and Father of eternity, whose

martyr Clement bore witness with his

blood to the love he proclaimed and

the gospel that he preached: give us

thankful hearts as we celebrate your faithfulness, revealed to us in the lives

of your saints, and strengthen us in our pilgrimage as we follow your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr**

Clement was active as an elder in the Church in Rome towards the end of the first century and was reputed to have been a disciple of the apostles. He wrote an epistle to the Corinthians which witnessed to ministry in the Church and concerned the authority and duties of the ministers. That letter clearly showed the authority of one senior presbyter intervening in conflict in another Church and is full of valuable information about the history of the developing Church and its ministry at this time. His hierarchical view of Church order set a future pattern for episcopal practice and ministry. Clement seems to have been president of a council of presbyters which governed the Church in Rome and his letters are clearly written on their behalf. A fourth-century document has Clement being exiled to the Crimea where he was put to death by being thrown into the sea with an anchor around his neck.

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