

O Jesus, We Have Tried to Make You King
Christ's reign revealed and misunderstood

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Reign of Christ, Years ABC

1. O Jesus, we have tried to make you King
and hoped for crowns on earth and thrones above,
but you resist triumphalistic dreams
and bring instead a majesty of love.
2. We wait the day when "Christ the King" descends
and all saints rise to greet you with a bow.
You wait the day saints rise to comprehend
that we may greet and serve you here and now.
3. Attend neglected ones, the lost, the least;
the poor, you say, approach on bending knee.
In these you find the majesty you seek,
and all you do for them you do for me.

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Song 4, Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)
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bring in - stead a ma - jes - ty of love.
we may greet and serve you here and now.
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The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the upper staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.