

In a paradoxical style typical of Sacred Scripture, the king announced by today's liturgy appears in the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel as a shepherd who cares deeply for his sheep. For the early Christians, Jesus Christ was both the king and shepherd who surrendered his life for all, and who lives as the risen Lord among his disciples through the presence of the Holy Spirit. In Saint Matthew's Gospel, the book's final parable teaches that our entrance to the kingdom will be judged to the degree that we have given food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, hope and attention to those who are ill or in prison.

We will be judged by the way we have loved. On the feast of Christ the King, we rejoice his selfless surrender for our salvation, and we ask the Lord to grant us the strength to live as faithful disciples of his kingdom and servants of his mercy. In anticipation of the new liturgical year, let us evaluate our journey of faith together with the members of our community and our parish groups, with the hope that our proclamation of the kingdom will become more evident through our service in our ministries.

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First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17The Lord said, "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock...I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy or dark." I will pasture them, give them rest, bring back the strays, and heal the sick.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28Paul wrote to the Corinthians,
"Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought
to life." Christ must reign until the last enemy, death, is
destroyed, "so that God may be all in all."

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9, 10

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46As a shepherd separates sheep from goats, so will the Son of Man come in glory to separate those who fed the hungry from those who did not: "Whatever you did for one of the least...you did for me."

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HOLY

WE PROCLAM YOUR DEATH

AMEN

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OPENING HYMN

ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house Where love can dwell And all can safely live

A place where Saints and children tell How hearts learn to forgive

Built of hopes and dreams and visions Rock of faith and vault of grace Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

All are welcome, all are welcome All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak And words are strong and true Where all God's children dare to seek To dream God's reign anew

Here the cross shall stand as witness And a symbol of God's grace Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus

All are welcome, all are welcome All are welcome in this place

OFFERTORY HYMN

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul he leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

SACRAMENTAL PRAYER

MY JESUS,
I BELIEVE THAT YOU
ARE PRESENT IN THE MOST HOLY
SACRAMENT.

I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS, AND I DESIRE TO RECEIVE YOU INTO MY SOUL.

SINCE I CANNOT AT THIS MOMENT RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY, COME AT LEAST SPIRITUALLY INTO MY HEART.

I EMBRACE YOU AS IF YOU WERE ALREADY THERE

AND UNITEMYSELF WHOLLY TO YOU.

NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED

FROM YOU.

AMEN

COMMUNION HYMN

BREAD OF LIFE

REFRAIN

Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ, our brother: feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.

As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life, we remember your promise to return again.

REFRAIN

The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain: just as now it is gathered, make your people one.

REFRAIN

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup: sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.

REFRAIN

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see; that the world may believe in you, God of all who live.

REFRAIN

You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy, broken now for your people, poured in endless love.

CLOSING HYMN

TO JESUS CHRIST OUR SOVEREIGN KING

To Jesus Christ, our Sov'reign King, Who is the world's salvation, All praise and homage do we bring, And thanks and adoration.

Refrain:

Christ Jesus Victor, Christ Jesus Ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!

2. Thy reign extend, O King benign, To ev'ry land and nation, For in Thy kingdom, Lord divine, Alone we find salvation.

(Refrain)