

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING; YEAR A: HOMILY HIGHLIGHTS

READINGS: 1st Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17, 2nd 1Cor. 15: 20-26, 28, Gospel Math. 25:31-46

Introduction: Dear brethren in Christ, with heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the almighty God, I wish to extend to you all the blessings of this special day, the last Sunday of the liturgical year A; the grace and peace of Jesus Christ the King of the Universe, Peace and Love be with you all. It is great joy to celebrate this day, when we are acknowledging the Love of God in our midst, in and through Christ the King. His kingship is based on service of love to all. He became obedient through sacrifice and death for those whom He loved, and loved to the end. Lord Jesus we praise you and worship you, because by your holy cross you have set us free.

Reflection: Looking at Christ whom today we celebrate His kingship; we have so much to say from what we see, hear and read. To speak about this great faith based feast, one should go to heaven and come back and have something to say. While still here on earth we can only speak by way of inferring and imagining. According to the Gospels, we have one picture of Christ the king, in the entire Old Testament writings another picture of Christ the king, in the letters and book of revelation another but complete picture of Christ the king. Let us reflect the kingship of Christ using various images that are present in our day.

The image of the poor, sick, suffering and rejected; these are the ones Christ came to set free and save. The prophets mentioned the king whose main task would be setting free all the captives, feeding the hungry and raising up the bowed down. These were all fulfilled in the times of, and person of Jesus Christ when the right time had come.

The image of humility, gentleness and obedience; the coming of Christ began new era in the entire history of humanity, the history which can never be separated from his kingship. Looking to His birth and infancy narratives from the Gospels, then we learn that the kingship of Christ is different from worldly kings. He was and will forever remain to be humble, gentle and obedient. These three elements are what make His kingdom very unique and everlasting; those who wish to belong to this kingdom ought to imitate Him.

The image of suffering, death, resurrection and ascension; Jesus Christ the king of heaven and earth, became the first born of all both the living and the dead so that primacy may be His in all things on earth and in the heavens. The letters accomplish prophecies; the union of the scriptures is what we celebrate today; the one who was anticipated by the prophets is now fulfilled in our times we have seen and experienced His love and presence among us.

The image of Love and forgiveness; this is what the church presents and celebrate every day and invites us to be part of. The liturgy celebrates and the sacraments witness to the love of Christ who is Love of the father made visible and perfect in Jesus Christ our King.