

At Home Liturgy of the Word, November 22, 2020
Thirty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER, leader

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved son, the King of the Universe, grant that the whole of creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

We pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

- I. A. **Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17** (*Old Testament*) *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*
- B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind, like a reference to another scripture passage, a memory from one's life, a song, a dream, a statement, or the word or phrase from this passage that you remember or like the most; or draw the picture that stayed in your mind. This is to be short and simple, with no discussion at this time.*

II. PSALM RESPONSE, *read together*

Psalm 122:1-5

Antiphon:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (see 1)

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the Lord."
And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity. To
it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David. *Repeat the Antiphon*

III. A. **1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28** (*New Testament*); *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*

B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind as before.*

IV. A. **Matthew 25:31-46** (*New Testament*); *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*

B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind as before.*

V. *Now, spend some time discussing how these readings relate to your lives. These discussion questions* may be helpful: (over)*

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1. When have you felt “left out” and when have you felt accepted?
2. Describe a time when helping others was your way of living this Gospel.
3. As a Church, the people of God, whom do we easily pass by?

VI. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Leader: Both in life and in death we are the Lord’s.

Let us pray for the needs of all of God’s servants.

Reader:

1. For those who recognize God’s presence in every person, because together we form the communion of saints, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For civil and religious leaders who work to promote peace and justice, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For those who live in desperate situations and who search their hearts to find peace and hope, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For us who accept with gratitude the gifts we have received and who share them generously, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For those who support the Campaign for Human Development, as we work with all those who labor to end poverty and injustice in the United States, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. For those who grieve because of the death of a loved one since last November, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Other intercessions may be added. If praying for an individual or a certain group of people, conclude the intercession with praying for all in that specific situation.

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us hold each other in spiritual communion with all members of the Church, as we dare to say:

Our Father who art in heaven...For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.

CONCLUDING PRAYER, leader

Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of death and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, King of the universe.

May we one day enter into your eternal harvest along with all who have gone before us in faith.

We ask this through Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Please write down any questions or comments and pass them on to your pastor.

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