

# Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY—November 24, 2019

## First Reading — 2 Samuel 5:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Behold, we are your bone and flesh. <sup>2</sup> In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you that led out and brought in Israel; and the LORD said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.'"

<sup>3</sup> So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

## Responsorial Psalm PS 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

R. (cf. 1) **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

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.

R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

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

R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house 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.

R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

## Second Reading — Colossians 1:12-20

<sup>12</sup> Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

<sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the dominion of

darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## Gospel Reading — Luke 23:35-43

<sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### INVITATION TO PRAY

Pause for a few moments of silence and enter more deeply into the presence of God...

### Proclaim the Scriptures out loud

As you listen to the scriptures be attentive to a word, a phrase, a question, an image, or a feeling that emerges. Reflect on this quietly or share it aloud.

### INVITATION TO REFLECT

### INVITATION TO GROUP SHARING

#### First Reading — 2 Samuel 5:1-3

1. How do you respond to the concept of covenanting to make Jesus, King of your life?

#### Second Reading — Colossians 1:12-20

2. What is the most powerful reason you can find in this passage for making Jesus, King of your life?

#### Gospel Reading — Luke 23:35-43

3. What are some of the various ways people can respond to Christ the King?
4. If Jesus were voluntarily made King of someone's life, what changes would you expect to see?
5. What practical benefits could someone anticipate when considering making Christ the King of their life? What liabilities would they incur?

### INVITATION TO ACT

*Determine a specific action (individual or group) that flows from your sharing. When choosing an individual action, determine what you will do and share it with the group. When choosing a group action, determine who will take responsibility for different aspects of the action. These should be your primary considerations.*

### CLOSING INVITATION TO PRAY

*Give thanks to God (aloud or silently) for new insights, for desires awakened, for directions clarified, for the gift of one another's openness and sensitivity. Conclude with a final prayer.*