

COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Whatever you did for one of these least ones, you did for me.

Matthew 25:34, 40



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 22, 2020

THE SERVANT KING

As we celebrate the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, many of the traditional hymns and images for the day are joyful and triumphal. For some, these connotations may be perceived as negative. In these days when there are strong divisions within the Church, and when some government leaders are so far away from the people, we need to hear all of today's scriptures, and draw a bigger, fuller picture of Christ as servant king. In Ezekiel, we see God as both the tender, loving shepherd and the one who will judge at the Second Coming. This ties in with Matthew's Gospel and separation of sheep and goats and "whatsoever you do." We pray Psalm 23 with great familiarity and hope. First Corinthians carefully explains to us the order in which all will happen. This is not an evil dictatorship, or a power-hungry leader, but the culmination of a plan that was carefully laid out in love.

OLD IDEA, RECENT ADDITION

Perhaps it is important to remember that while the image of Christ as King has been known throughout Christianity, this feast was founded in 1925 as a reaction and a response to growing secularism, communism, and atheism that were becoming prevalent after World War I. If we pull back the lens even further, we will remember that throughout history there has seldom been a peaceful time in the Christian world. The Holy Land itself has frequently been a battle ground. There have been schisms and divisions in the history of the church itself, and every church council was convened to try to correct some mistaken notion, world event, or church heresy. Nor has church leadership always had clean hands, and there have been wars, genocides, and insurrections "in the name of Christ." Today, when more and more people are leaving organized religion altogether, and people identify themselves as "spiritual but not religious" or "nones," the need for Christ as leader and ruler and guide is more pressing than ever.

INHERIT THE KINGDOM

The world in which we live is complex. We are a diverse, global society and there are many issues and opinions ranging from climate change to politics to creed. Sometimes we try and sort it all out, and it is hard to know who and what to believe. One can find multiple takes on the same news story, and social media can easily sway us. Yet when we focus on the Gospel story, it seems very simple indeed. We do not have to know it all or figure it all out. We are not the one on the throne during the Last Judgment. When God starts separating the sheep from the goats, the formula is a simple rule of thumb. "When did you see Christ in others? When did you respond accordingly?" It does not ask if you are Catholic or even Christian; whether you had a police record or an incurable disease; whether you had a PhD or a fifth-grade education, or what languages you spoke. The call is to remember that "Whatsoever you did to the least you did for me." And then there will be the invitation, "Come you who are blessed. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

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Reading 1

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Reading 2

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel

Mt 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK of
Nov. 23 - 29, 2020**

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week
in Ordinary Time; St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl.
Miguel Agustín Pro**

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria

Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day (suggested): *Sir 50:22-24;*

Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a;

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



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 Dymphna Dungca
 Aguida Gozum †
9:45 am
 Rudy & Toni Bernaldo †
 Erlinda Burias †
 Marcos Mondido †
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 Virginia Bernasor †
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 Ricardo Geronimo †
 Francisco de Jesus †
 Feliza de Jesus †
 Aguida Gozum †
 Frank Linenberger †
 Isabelle Linenberger †
Tuesday, November 24th
 Ricardo Geronimo †
Wednesday, November 25th
 Manuel Venturina †
 Evelyn B. Mojica
 Dillon Aoki
Thursday, November 26th
 Ricardo Tan †
 Norlito & Isabel Sagedao †
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Saturday, November 28th
 Magdalena Chung †
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