



Liturgy Cycle A

Thirty-Fourth Sunday Of The Year

Feast Of Christ Our King

Introduction

The Feast of Christ our King, which we celebrate today, brings to an end the Church's liturgical year. When we think of a king we think of someone who lords it over his people. But Christ is not like that. He came to serve, not to be served.

First Reading (Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17)

God is portrayed, not so much as a judge of his people, but as someone who cares for them as a good shepherd cares for his sheep.

Second Reading (1 Cor 15:20-26.28)

At the end of the world Christ will reign as universal King, having overcome all hostile forces, including death.

Gospel (Matthew 25:31-46)

This contains Matthew's great scene of the Last Judgement.

Prayer Of The Faithful

Let us pray for the coming of God's Kingdom among us, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

R: May your kingdom come.

That wherever the followers of Christ are found, the hungry may be fed. We pray to the Lord.

R: May your kingdom come.

That the sick may be cared for, strangers made welcome, and prisoners visited. We pray to the Lord.

R: May your kingdom come.

That we never forget that what we do to others we do to our Christ our King. We pray to the Lord.

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Communion Reflection

**On a cold wintry day
a man saw a small girl standing at a street corner.
She was shivering with the cold,
and starving for want of decent meal.**

**The man got angry and said to God:
'Why do you allow this to happen?
Why don't you do something about it?'**

**And God replied:
I have already done something about it.
I made you'.**

**'As long as you did to one of these,
you did it to me.'
These unforgettable words of Christ
are at the very heart of the Gospel.
Every day we get some chance
to put them into practice.**