



Liturgy Cycle B

Thirty Fourth Sunday Of The Year Christ Our King

Introduction

Today the feast of Christ our King brings us to the end of the liturgical year. We have traveled a long road since the first Sunday of Advent. Christ has been on that road with us as the invisible Companion of our journey. Let us hope that during it we have grown to know him better, to trust him better, and to love him better, so that today we can rejoice in calling him our King.

First Reading (Daniel 7:13-14).

The prophet Daniel foresees in a vision the coming of one who will have dominion over all peoples.

That person is Christ.

Second Reading (Apocalypse 1:5-8).

The risen Christ is the ruler of all the earth. But it is only at the end of time that he will take full possession of his kingdom.

Gospel (John 18:33-37).

Questioned by Pilate, Jesus declares that he is indeed a King, but that his kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this world.

Prayer Of The Faithful

Let us pray that God's kingdom may come and that his will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

R: Lord may your kingdom come.

For the Church: that all its members may work with courage and faith for the spread of the reign of God in the world by striving to live good and holy lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord may your kingdom come.



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For all world leaders: that they may realise that they are working to build up the kingdom of God whenever they work to promote a more just and a more human world. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord may your kingdom come.

For all those who are suffering persecution because of their allegiance to Christ; that God may sustain their hope and their love. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord may your kingdom come.

That of all our loyalties, our loyalty to Christ and his Gospel may come first in our lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord may your kingdom come.

Communion Reflection

Last Judgement

Don't wait for the last judgement.

It takes place every day.

Long before the end.

People will already have judged themselves.

In a thousand ways they will have already chosen

for or against themselves,

for or against their brothers,

for or against the truth.

As an X-ray shows up the hidden black spots,
so God's judgement will show up what already is:
the goat among the sheep, the weeds among the wheat,
the guest without the wedding garment.

Lord, let us never forget, however,

that the Father's love and mercy
are at the heart of the Good News.

You never said that we were to fear the last day,

only that we should be ready for it.

You even told us to look forward to it.

as slaves look forward to the day of their liberation.

Lord, may your kingdom come,

now and hereafter.