

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

First Reading

EZEKIEL 34:11-12, 15-17

A Reading from the Scroll of Ezekiel

The Lord says, “I tell you that I myself will look for my sheep and take care of them. I will watch over them the same way a shepherd watches his sheep. A shepherd will stand in the center so he can see all his sheep. The sheep that are lost in the dark, I will gather them together and bring them back safely.

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep. I will find them a place to rest. I will look for those that are lost, bring back the sheep that wander off, bandage them that are hurt and heal them that are sick. I will watch over the fat and healthy sheep. I will be true shepherd to them.

Now I tell you that I will judge each of you and separate the good and the bad. I will separate the sheep from the goats.

The Word of the Lord

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RESPONSE: The Lord is my shepherd. There is
nothing I want.

The Lord is my shepherd.
I will always have everything I need.
He lets me rest in the fields of green grass.
He gives me new strength to my soul.

RESPONSE:

He leads me on the right paths to show he is good.
Even if I walk through a valley of darkness,
I will not be afraid.
You are with me, Lord.
Your staff protects me.

RESPONSE:

Lord, you prepared a banquet for me in front of my
enemies.
You honor me as your guest.
My cup is overflowing.

RESPONSE:

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Death happened because of one man, Adam. Christ has been raised from death as the guarantee that the people will be raised from death. In the same way the resurrection from the dead will happen to the people because of one man, Christ.

In Adam all of us die. In Christ all of us will be raised to life. First Christ was raised from the dead. Then he will come again and all the believers will be raised from death. Christ will destroy all rulers, authorities and powers and then he will give the kingdom to God the Father. Christ must rule as king and he will put all his enemies under him. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. God will put all things under control of Christ. All things will be put control of Christ. He, the Son, will put himself under the control of God. Then God will rule over all.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!

Alleluia---Alleluia---Alleluia

Gospel

MATTHEW 25:31-46

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew

Jesus was speaking to his followers. He said, “The Son of Man will come again. He will come with great glory as king. All his angels will gather around him. He will sit on the throne. All people will come before him. The king will separate the sheep from the goats; the sheep (good people) on the right and the goats (bad people) on the left. Then the king will say to the good people on the right, ‘Come, my Father has blessed you. Come to the kingdom which was prepared for you before the world was made.

I was hungry and you gave me food.

I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.

I was stranger and you welcomed me.

I was naked and you gave me clothes.

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I was sick and you comforted me.

I was in prison and you visited me’.

The good people will ask, ‘Lord, tell us when did we see you hungry and we gave you some food?

When did we see you thirsty and we gave you water?

When did we see you as stranger and we welcomed you?

When did we see you naked and we gave you clothes?

When did we see you sick or in prison and we visited you?’

The king will answer, ‘I tell you the truth. Anything you did for my people, you did for me.’

Then the king will say to the bad people on the left, ‘Go away! Go to the fire that burns forever. That fire was prepared for the devil and his friends.

I was hungry and you refused to give me something to eat.

I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink.

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I was stranger and you ignored me.

Naked and you gave me nothing to wear.

Sick or in prison and you did not visit me.'

The people will ask, 'Lord, tell us when did we see you hungry or thirsty?

When did we see you alone?

When did we see you without clothes or sick or in prison and we did not help you?'

The king will answer, 'I tell you the truth. Anything you refused to do for my people, you also refused to do for me!'

Then those bad people will go away and have punishment forever. But all the good people will have life forever.'"

The Good News of the Lord

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