



ADORATION – CHRIST THE KING FEAST

Guide: *Today, the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, the Church celebrates CHRIST THE KING. Truly, Christ is our King, and the King of the whole universe. He is the Lord of history; the Alpha and the Omega. With one voice, let us acclaim him:*

Hymn: Christ Our Lord Is King.....or any other.

Prayer of Adoration:

Our loving God, we kneel before you.
You are our King, our maker, our Lord, and our Shepherd.
And we rejoice that we are your people, the sheep of your flock.
We want to listen to your voice, and follow you.
We come to worship you, to acclaim you as our King.
We lay before you our whole life, in praise and thanksgiving.
We consecrate to you not only ourselves, but our entire Church, our nation and the whole world.

Pause for adoration...

Guide: *Jesus said: My sheep hear my voice and they follow me. Today let us eagerly wait for the Lord to speak. Let us ask for the grace to attentively listen him and to be able to understand him; we want to put into practice what he will tell us. We ask the Spirit of Jesus to open our minds and hearts.*

Hymn: Open my eyes Lord... or any other.

Guide: *Today we shall contemplate Christ the King, as He is presented in the Gospel of today's Mass; the passage taken from Luke's Gospel.*

Reading: Lk 23: 35-43

Short pause for personal reflection...

Guide: *We shall let ourselves be helped by our Holy Father Pope Francis, to understand the Kingship of Jesus...**The Pope says:**"The Christ of God, the elect, the King appears powerless and without glory: he is on the cross, where he looks more like a victim than a victor. His royalty is paradoxical: his throne is the cross; his crown is of thorns; he does not have a sceptre, but a reed is placed in his hand; he does not wear dazzling clothes, but he is deprived*

of his tunic; he has no shiny rings on his fingers, but his hands pierced with nails; he does not have a treasure, but he is sold for thirty coins.

“Truly the kingdom of Jesus is not of this world; the greatness of his kingdom is not the power according to the world, but the love of God, a love capable of reaching and healing everything. For this love Christ lowered himself to us, he inhabited our human misery, he experienced our lowest condition: injustice, betrayal, abandonment; he experienced death, the tomb, the underworld. In this way our King went to the ends of the universe to embrace and save every living thing. Only this love has conquered and continues to conquer our great adversaries: sin, death, fear.

“Today, we proclaim this singular victory, with which Jesus became the King of all ages, the Lord of history: with only the omnipotence of love. With joy we share the beauty of having Jesus as our King: his lordship of love transforms sin into grace, death into resurrection, fear into trust.”

Guide: *Reflecting on the Word of God, and the explanation of the Pope, let us ask ourselves:*

- *Who is Jesus in my life?*
- *Is he the King and the Lord of my life?*
- *Do I submit myself to the authority of Jesus?*
- *Do I imitate Jesus and his way of reigning?*
- *Do I ardently desire for his kingdom?*

We pause to evaluate our life and our relationship with Jesus...

Guide: *It is easy to go back to Jesus our King if we have strayed from him; if we have not accepted him as our King; if we wanted to be king in his place...because the greatness of his kingdom is not the power according to the world, but the love of God, a love capable of reaching out to us sinners, and healing our wounds. He does not condemn us, he does not conquer us, he never violates our freedom, but he makes his way with the humble love that excuses everything, hopes for everything, endures everything. In him we find redemption and forgiveness. Therefore with the good thief let us pray: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom...” As soon as we give him the chance, Jesus is ready to erase sin completely and forever. God has no memory of sin, but of us, of each one of us, his beloved children. And he believes that it is always possible to start over, get up again.*

Hymn: *Lay your hands gently upon us...or any other.*

Intercessions: Response – *Jesus our King, bless your people. R/*

- *Lord Jesus, our King and Leader, protect our Holy Father the Pope, and all the leaders of our Church. Make them worthy leaders after your own heart. R/*
- *Lord Jesus, we thank you for being our King. Make us like you, humble and gentle. R/*
- *Lord Jesus, we thank you for being our Shepherd. Gather all your people into one fold. R/*

- *Lord Jesus, King of peace, remove from the nations all that leads to war, and bring peace to our world. **R/***
- *Lord Jesus, you are our healer and saviour. Heal all the people of their sicknesses of mind, body and spirit. **R/***
- *Lord Jesus, our King who provides, protect the poor of our world and provide for all their needs. **R/***
- *Lord Jesus, our Leader and friend, may the weak and the lonely find their strength in you. **R/***
- *Lord Jesus, you are our Way, our Truth and our Life. Make us examples of a pure and holy life. **R/***

*Now, together we pray for your Kingdom: **Our Father...***

Final Hymn: *We stand for God... (or) The King of Glory... (or) Rise India...*

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