



26 November 2023

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST, THE UNIVERSAL KING.



INTRODUCTION

The Eucharist invites us to adore our Lord Jesus, the King of the Universe whose kingdom we all belong to. As his disciples we are invited to reflect his love in all our actions of comfort, compassion and mercy towards one another, especially the marginalised and those struggling to survive the challenges of life. May this Eucharist we celebrate give glory and honour to the King of kings.

READINGS

First Reading: Ezek 34: 11-12, 15-17
Resp. Psalm: Ps: 23: 1-2a, 2b -3, 5, 6
Second Reading: 1Cor 15: 20-26, 28
Gospel: Mt 25: 31- 46

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: As disciples of Jesus the King, we surrender to God all our needs and intentions for it is He who gives us repose, rest, mercy and nourishment.

Our response is: **HEAR OUR PRAYER O LORD**

That the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests, Religious and the lay faithful may always collaborate in serving in the Lord's kingdom of love, mercy, compassion and generosity... we pray... **R/**

That all our political leaders may be inspired by the servant-leadership of Jesus as they work for the well-being, peace and justice of all, especially the financially challenged and the marginalised... we pray... **R/**

That all of us gathered for this Eucharistic celebration may reflect our identity as disciples of Jesus the King in our words and actions of love, respect and outreach in the family and the community... we pray... **R/**

That the Church may always reflect kingdom values of peace, justice, love and mercy in a world that promotes a false sense of power through consumerism, individualism and self-centredness... we pray... **R/**

That all our children and youth may recognize the sacrificial, forgiving and loving leadership of Jesus the King in the midst of the distracting and confusing messages of materialism, selfishness, hatred and violence... we pray... **R/**

That the Lord may listen to the prayers we now make with faith; especially for peace and healing in violence affected parts of the world... *(Pause for 7 seconds)*... we pray... **R/**

CELEBRANT Compassionate Lord, we are grateful for your presence in our lives and for always listening to the prayers we make with faith in Your generosity through Christ your Son and our King who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.