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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING - Adoration

HYMN: No. 123. – Father we love you, we worship and adore you - (*Joyful Celebration Hymnal*)

(Pause... for Moments of Silent and Personal Adoration before the Eucharistic Lord)

INTRODUCTION: I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in you. (Ps. 9:1-2) My heart is filled with adoration, when I lift my eyes to you. For you are the Lord of all creation, you make all things new. I will sing the praises of your name. My Lord and Creator, your goodness encourages me to converse with you. To converse with you, O Lord, is the delight of my heart. In you I find everything that my heart could desire. Here, your light illumines my mind, enabling it to know you more and more deeply. Lord, coming before you in the Bl. Sacrament today, we recall your divine kingship and majesty. O Jesus you established your kingdom not by military or political power but by shedding your precious blood on the cross. You alone are worthy to attain kingship, glory, honour and power. Together with the angels and saints we sing your praises.

HYMN: No. 159 – Hail, Redeemer, king divine! (*Joyful Celebration hymnal*) Or any other.

Prayer of St Padre Pio before the Bl. Sacrament

Heavenly Father, I thank you for loving me. I thank you for sending your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the world to save and to set me free. I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me. Loving Father, touch me now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body, soul and spirit. Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. Cast anything that should not be in me. Root out any unhealthy and abnormal cells. Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild and replenish any damaged areas. Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection by the power of Jesus' precious blood. Let the fire of your healing love pass through my entire body to heal and make new any diseased areas so that my body will function the way you created it to function. Touch also my mind and my emotion, even the deepest recesses of my heart. Saturate my entire being with your presence, love, joy and peace and draw me ever closer to you

every moment of my life. And Father, fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to do your works; so that my life will bring glory and honour to your holy name. I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(Pause..... for Moments of Silent and Personal Reflection and Examination of Conscience)

HYMN: No. 363 – Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me *(Joyful Celebration hymnal)*

SCRIPTURE: Jn 18:33-38

REFLECTION:

“You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

What is the kingship of Jesus? Jesus emphatically says that he came into the world to bear witness to the truth, and he is the truth. What is the truth? Like Pilate we too ask this question today. Truth is God himself. The truth that I know is not absolute; it has always subjectivity to it, as I am not absolute. We cannot define God, so also we cannot define truth as we are limited human beings. Though truth is absolute our belief is relative. Our situations, experiences and our upbringing shape our beliefs and understanding of Truth. We need to search for the truth in our life; we are always seekers of truth and pilgrims on the way to the absolute truth God. No one can claim that I possess the truth, on this solemnity of Christ the King let us grow in our understanding of the truth and be witnesses of God’s kingdom here on earth.

(Pause..... for Moments of Silent and Personal Reflection and Examination of Conscience)

HYMN: No. 256 – Lord, make me like you *(Joyful Celebration hymnal)*

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS:

RESPONSE: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus you are the king and Lord of the universe. May each of us learn to be the members of your kingdom to bring about love, mercy and compassion to all those who are in most need of it.

Lord Jesus king of our hearts and our lives, transform us to be humble like you to enter into your kingdom. As you set the examples of children as those who will enter the Kingdom of God.

Lord Jesus, king of peace, bring peace to the world, especially the war torn nations and places in our world. We pray for the people in your own very land Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Russia and also our very own land Manipur and elsewhere common people suffer.

King of eternal light grant eternal rest to all our dear departed ones, like you promised Paradise to the thief at your side on the cross. May they enjoy eternal bliss and peace in your kingdom.

Jesus our king and Saviour, be with all those who are suffering due to various illnesses, difficulties at home, at work, in relationships. Bring peace and joy to their lives by your constant presence with them and through good hearted and generous people who care for them.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, I have spent this time of adoration and prayer in your Eucharistic presence. Fill my life with love, joy, peace, and kindness. Transform me by the power of the Holy Spirit into a living image of your compassionate presence. May I go forth from this hour of adoration and prayer to be your hands, feet, and heart to all those I meet. Jesus, King of glory, may I be surrounded by the radiance of your love. In Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, the world is being made new. Today we are called to witness and proclaim that Jesus is the King of our lives. It is only by God's grace and mercy that we are here today. Never give up but hold on to Jesus' invitation to be with him always. Amen.

THE DIVINE PRAISES:

(After the Benediction)

Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.

CLOSING HYMN: Let Us Bow In Adoration.

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