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Adoration on the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, Universal King

Theme: JESUS CHRIST THE KING: REIGN IN OUR HEARTS

"His Kingdom is a Kingdom of love, mercy, peace and humble service."
(Luke 23:33–43, John 18:33–37, Colossians 1:12–20)

Hymn: Humbly we adore thee, Christ, Redeemer, King (*Joyful Celebration No. 179*)

Lord Jesus, our Eucharistic King, we come before You with humble and grateful hearts. We believe that You are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. We adore You, we worship You, and we praise You for Your unfailing love. Jesus, you are the King of the universe, yet You chose to come among us as a humble servant. Your throne was the Cross, your crown was made of thorns, and Your power was revealed through love, forgiveness and mercy.
As we remain in Your presence, quieten our hearts and free us from everything that keeps us away from You. Help us to become still, to listen to Your voice and to experience the depth of Your love. Jesus, our Eucharistic King, we adore You. You are our Lord, our Saviour and the centre of our lives. May Your Kingdom come into our hearts and transform our lives.
Lord Jesus, we praise You because You are the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. Through You and for You, all things were created. Everything in heaven and on earth belongs to You. In You, all things hold together. We praise You, Jesus, because Your Kingdom is not built on power, wealth or worldly glory. It is built on love that gives itself, mercy that forgives, peace that reconciles and humble service that lifts up the weak.
We thank You for loving us even when we fail You, for forgiving us when we repent, and for remaining with us in the Holy Eucharist. You never abandon us. You continue to nourish us with Your Body and Blood and strengthen us with Your presence.

(Brief Pause for silent moments of personal adoration)

Prayer of Praise and Worship

- Jesus, King of Love, we adore You!
- Jesus, King of Mercy, we glorify You!
- Jesus, King of Peace, we worship You!
- Jesus, King of Humility, we follow You!
- Jesus, King of Justice, we praise You!
- Jesus, King of Forgiveness, we thank You!
- Jesus, King of the Poor, we serve You!
- Jesus, King of the Universe, we honour You!
- Jesus, King of our hearts, we surrender to You!
- Jesus, King of Glory, we bless Your holy name!
- Jesus, our Eucharistic King, we love You!
- Jesus, our eternal King, may Your Kingdom come!

Jesus, Light of our hearts, we worship You.
Jesus, Light that never fades, we adore You.

Hymn: Jesus is the joy of living (*Joyful celebration No. 220*)

Let us remain quietly in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Look upon Him with love. Allow His presence to touch the deepest part of our heart.

Reading: Luke 23:33–43

Reflection: **Jesus, the King of Love and Mercy:** As Jesus hangs on the Cross, He continues to love and forgive. Even in His suffering, he prays for those who crucify Him: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." His love is greater than hatred, and His mercy is greater than our sins. As I look at Jesus, my King, I realise that His Kingdom is very different from the kingdoms of this world. He has no royal throne, no crown of gold and no earthly power. His throne is the Cross, His crown is made of thorns, and His greatness is revealed through His self-giving love. He teaches me that true greatness lies in loving, forgiving and serving others with humility.

One of the criminals recognises Jesus as King and humbly asks, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus responds with love and promises him paradise. What a beautiful sign of God's mercy! He has nothing to offer Jesus except his faith and his humble prayer. Yet Jesus welcomes him with tenderness and promises him paradise. This gives me great hope. Whatever my weaknesses and failures may be, I can always turn to Jesus with a repentant heart. He never closes His heart to me. Even at the last moment, a repentant heart is welcomed by Jesus.

Jesus is our King, not because He rules through power, but because He reigns through love, forgiveness and self-giving service. He invites us to follow His example in our daily lives. Help me to be more understanding, more forgiving and more compassionate. Teach me to serve without expecting appreciation, to love without conditions and to bring peace wherever I go. Lord, when my journey becomes difficult, help me to remain close to You. When I feel weak, remind me of Your strength. When I fail, give me the grace to return to You with trust. Like the repentant thief, I too pray from the depths of my heart: "Jesus, remember me. Remain with me. Reign in my heart today and always."

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

Hymn: **Hymn:** Oh, Lord my God, when I, in awesome wonder (*Joyful Celebration No. 307*)

Examination of conscience:

A personal question for reflection: Am I willing to forgive those who hurt me? Can I show mercy and love even when it is difficult? As I spend this time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I want to speak to Him personally. Lord, you know my heart. You know my joys and sorrows, my struggles, my failures and my sincere desire to love you. Sometimes I may fail to love as I should; sometimes I may become impatient, hurt others or hold on to my own wishes. Yet You continue to love me and invite me to begin again.

(Pause for silent moments of personal reflection)

Hymn: The King of glory comes (*Joyful Celebration No. 385*)

Jesus, our beloved King, as we gaze upon You in the Blessed Sacrament, we are reminded that true greatness lies not in ruling over others but in loving and serving them. You did not come to dominate but to save. You did not condemn the sinner who turned to You on the Cross, but promised him a place in Your Kingdom. You welcomed the broken, touched the wounded, forgave sinners and gave hope to the suffering. May Your Kingdom of love, mercy and peace grow in our hearts every day.

Thanksgiving:

Thank You, Jesus, for Your unconditional love and endless mercy. Thank You, Jesus, for staying with us in the Blessed Sacrament.

Thank You, Jesus, for forgiving our sins and giving us new beginnings. Thank You, Jesus, for being our strength in moments of weakness. Thank You, Jesus, for our families, friends and all those who care for us.

Thank You, Jesus, for the gift of faith and the grace to pray. Thank You, Jesus, for the Cross through which You revealed Your great love. Thank You, Jesus, for bringing peace to our troubled hearts.

Thank You, Jesus, for the poor, the sick and the suffering who touch our lives. Thank You, Jesus, for the beauty of creation and the gift of our common home. Thank You, Jesus, for guiding us when we feel confused and uncertain. Thank You, Jesus, for remaining faithful to us even when we fail You. Help us to return to You with humble and trusting hearts.

Thank You, Jesus, for calling us to build Your Kingdom of love, mercy and peace. Thank You, Jesus, for the people who have helped us grow in faith and holiness. Thank You, Jesus, for giving hope to the discouraged and comfort to the sorrowful. Thank You, Jesus, our King, for inviting us to share in Your heavenly Kingdom. May we remain faithful to You and live according to Your Gospel. Jesus, our loving King, receive our praise and thanksgiving. May our lives become a living offering of love, gratitude and humble service to You.

Hymn: What thanks, O Lord, can I render thee (*Joyful Celebration No. 449*)

Intercessions:

Lord, teach us to live according to the values of Your Kingdom. Remove from our hearts pride, selfishness, jealousy and the desire to control others. May we recognise Your presence in the poor, the sick, the elderly, the lonely and those who are forgotten. Help us to serve them with patience, tenderness and respect.

Lord Jesus, King of love and mercy, we pray for our world, wounded by hatred, violence, injustice and war. May our words bring encouragement, our actions spread kindness, and our presence become a source of peace. Let our lives proclaim that You are our King. Let Your peace enter the hearts of those who create division and suffering.

Lord, renew Your Church and make us faithful witnesses of Your Kingdom. May our parishes, communities and religious congregations become places where everyone experiences welcome, respect, forgiveness and love.

Remember those who are hungry, homeless, displaced and deprived of their dignity. May those who suffer find comfort, those who are discouraged find hope, and those who feel forgotten discover that they are precious in Your eyes. Jesus, our King, may Your Kingdom of love, mercy, peace and humble service grow in every heart and throughout the whole world.

Loving and compassionate Father, we bring before You the youth of India, especially those who are struggling with uncertainty, injustice, unemployment, discrimination, violence, and other challenges. Bless all those who are affected by the present problems in our land. Be their strength when they feel weak, their hope when they are discouraged, and their light when they cannot see the way forward. Touch the hearts of our leaders and guide them to act with wisdom, compassion, and responsibility.

Hymn: We stand for God and for His glory (*Joyful Celebration No. 438*)

Concluding Prayer:

Loving Jesus, our King and Lord, we thank You for being with us in this time of prayer and adoration. May Your Kingdom of love, peace, mercy, and humble service take root in our hearts and shine through our lives. May we recognize Your presence in every person, especially the poor, the suffering, and the forgotten. Lord Jesus, be the King of our hearts today and always. Jesus, our loving King, reign in us and through us, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction: