

**SUNDAY, November 22, 2020**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

O worship the King!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever, Amen. Alleluia!**

**Hymn**

**Meter: 77 77 77**

Glorious from the field of strife,  
Lo! the Victor mounts his throne;  
Lord of death and King of life,  
His the triumph, his alone—  
Glorious from the field of strife,  
Christ, immortal King of life.  
Wake to gladness, sons of men!  
Heav'n, your gates eternal raise!  
Welcome to your bliss again  
Him, the worthiest of praise—  
Glorious from the field of strife,  
Christ, immortal King of life.  
Sin and death—the twain assailed,  
And the Christ expiring fell;  
But the Death o'er death prevailed,  
And the might of sin and hell;  
Victor from the field of strife,  
Hail! immortal King of life.

**Psalm**

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*He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people. (Mt 4:23)*

*Christ's reign is a conquest not over political enemies but over the powers of sin and death. His rule is redemption.*

My soul, give praise to the Lord;  
I will praise the Lord all my days,  
make music to my God while I live.  
Put no trust in princes,  
in mortal men in whom there is no help.  
Take their breath, they return to clay  
and their plans that day come to nothing.  
He is happy who is helped by Jacob's God,  
whose hope is in the Lord his God,  
who alone made heaven and earth,  
the seas and all they contain.  
It is he who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free,  
the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

**Glory to the Father...**

**Word of God**

**Luke 7:21-22**

At that time he cured many of their diseases, sufferings, and evil spirits; he also granted sight to many who were blind. And he said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

*Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (Mt 13:43)*

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*Seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. (Mt 6:33)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father...**

**Intercessions**

Let us pray to Christ our King, that the fruits of his reign may abound upon earth:

**R/ Thy kingdom come!**

Upon those who labor under the illusion of power and who cause others to suffer:

**R/**

Upon those who are imprisoned in poverty, hunger,

addiction, or disease:

**R/**  
Upon those who are blind of eye or of heart:

**R/**  
Upon those who are deaf of ear or of understanding:

**R/**  
**Personal intentions**

**Our Father....**

Lord Jesus Christ, you reign for ever. Rule over all the world in peace, and fill our hearts and households with the power of your love, who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

**Reading** **Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**

Thus says the Lord God; "I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord God. "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed my sheep with justice.

As for you, my flock," thus says the Lord God: "I shall judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats."

**Reading** **1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a man; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

**Gospel**

**Matthew 25: 31-46:**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the Angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Then he will say to those at his left hand, You that ate accursed depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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