

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2022

‘Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;  
-all things have been created through him and for him.  
Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together.’ (Colossian 1:13,14)

This excerpt from St. Paul simply presents the essence of this concluding feast of the Liturgical year. Summing up the mystery of Christ the King in truth and depth, we conclude with the affirmation of the Church’s faith. The kingship of Christ is one of faithfulness, of service and sacrifice.

In the first reading, David is chosen as King to lead the people of Israel. His example, though very human, opens up the human heart to great insights and truth. As a shepherd, David guides his people to a keener relationship. His leadership gathers the people and challenges them to greater fidelity and service.

St. Paul reveals the life-giving service of Christ in his obedience to the will of the Father, through the blood of the cross. This freely given gift continues to guide and nourish the Church through the generations of the Communion of Saints.

The Kingship of Christ in Luke’s Gospel is of a broken man attached to a cross with bandits on either side. Though broken, exhausted and dying, his heart is again touched by the heart of another human.

‘Today you will be with me in paradise.’ (Luke 23:43)

The glory of Christ is a free gift to humanity; service, leadership and sacrifice. With these gifts of our baptism, we participate in the prophet, priesthood and royalty.

Blessings of peace! Fr. Don