

Feast of Christ the King



THE GOSPEL [John 18:33b-37](#)

*For this was I born and for this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth.*

Oh Jesus,
before you came
we only guessed at the truth.

Could we have known that God loved the poor,
that God healed the brokenhearted,
the sick and the distressed?

Nor that God
would offer his
very Son for our
sake?

Yours is the
kingdom of love.

Help us know,
belong and testify
with you to this
loving truth.

THE FIRST READING Daniel 7:13-14

All peoples, nations, and languages serve him.

Christ,
perfect ruler,
source of perfect peace and justice:
reign now and forever
over all creation,
all peoples, all
languages,
nations;
over
our
hearts.

THE SECOND READING Revelation 1:5-8

*“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,
“the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.”*

Jesus,
please be the
beginning and end
of our every
day,

our every project,
and prayer,
and peril,
and
love:

everything we do
and all that
we are. (*Anne Osdieck*)

REFLECTION: The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, brings the Church’s year to a close, and calls us to celebrate again Jesus’s victory over suffering and death. As servants, we offer all that we are, and invite him to reign within our hearts, so that we can play our part in bringing God’s truth, love, justice and peace to the world.

Foretelling the coming of Jesus, the [First Reading](#) describes Daniel's vision of a 'son of man' coming on the clouds of heaven to be crowned King, with everlasting sovereignty, ruling over an empire that will never be destroyed. Such is his glory that people of all nations and languages become his servants.

[The Psalm](#) rejoices in the glory of the Lord – the king with majesty enrobed. Through the verses, we are told of the eternal nature of the Lord's power and the trust we can place in him.

Again in the [Second Reading](#), Jesus is described as coming on the clouds and as ruler of the kings of the earth. The depth of his love for us has been shown by his sacrifice on the cross, and brings us ever closer to the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

In the [Gospel](#), we witness the scene in which Pilate asks Jesus the question, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' In his reply, Jesus speaks of a kingdom in which those who seek the truth listen to his voice and follow his ways.

This week, we ask God for the grace to open our hearts and minds to the needs of those who do not yet know his voice. We pray that by the service of our lives we will draw others to his loving embrace.

