



34rd SUNDAY
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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

THE KINGDOM THAT COUNTS ON US



SETTTING

Today, as we celebrate Christ the King, we contemplate not a throne, but the cross from which Jesus redefines power with humility and trust in the Father. In the good thief, we see those who seek a new opportunity, and in Jesus, a King who saves from the heart of human suffering. This Word invites us to examine the image we have of Christ and the one we show through our lives. Let us open our hearts to a Kingdom that is born where there is forgiveness, listening, and renewed faith.

SONG: KING OF GLORY COMES THE NATIONS REJOICES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EyjtgBiRAw>

GOSPEL – Luke 23,35-43

"The people stood watching, and the rulers sneered at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there hurled insults at him, saying, 'Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other answered, 'Don't you fear God, since you are under the same sentence? And we are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'"

Para interiorizar la Palabra hoy (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)

God took the initiative in choosing David as king of his people, but he did not impose him. God left the twelve tribes with the time and the responsibility to welcome and recognize his chosen one.

Psalms 121:1-5. Jesus, son of David, is King of the universe, chosen by God to gather all humanity into the unity that leads to the City of peace and joy.

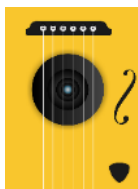
Colossians 1:12-20. Thanksgiving to the Father who has brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, a song of praise to Christ who has "the primacy in everything."

Luke 23:35-43. Three times, the same question posed to the crucified Jesus resounds: "If you are...": "If you are the Messiah," the chief's mock... "If you are the King of the Jews," the Roman soldiers jeer... "If you are the Messiah," one of the two criminals crucified at the same time as him hurles insults. Incidentally, it is observed that each person addresses Jesus from their own personal perspective: the religious leaders of the Jewish people await the Messiah, the Chosen One of God... and, in their eyes, he does not appear to be so. The Roman soldiers, members of the occupying

army, laugh at the self-proclaimed king, whom no one defends... As for the criminal, he hopes that someone will save him from death: he, too, calls for the Messiah. The real question is, what is the role of the Messiah? Is he a political or religious leader? Does someone have the power to fix everything? An all-powerful king? Clearly, if so, Jesus doesn't fit this mold: this condemned man, crucified like a criminal, has nothing in common with a king of the universe. One might think that, throughout his earthly life, whenever Jesus faced temptations concerning his mission as Messiah, only referring to Scripture allowed him to stay the course. However, on the cross, it's quite the opposite: Jesus doesn't respond, he says nothing while they provoke him. Jesus knows that only God saves; Jesus awaits his salvation from God, from God alone. In fact, his name says it all: Jesus means "God is the one who saves." There is nothing to add, therefore, nothing to reply to. Jesus remains confident; he knows that God will not abandon him to death. This episode of insults is framed, in Luke's Gospel, by two words of Jesus, two words of forgiveness: the first, Luke offers us in the passage preceding today's Gospel: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." The second is addressed to "the good thief," as we often call him: "Amen, I tell you the truth: today you will be with me in Paradise." Jesus has awaited salvation from God, from God alone... And He has opened the gates of Paradise for us. No hay nada que añadir, por consiguiente, nada a responder.

Clues for prayer

- What image of Jesus Christ the King do you have in your mind and heart? What Messiah do you expect?
- What image do you project through your life? What image does the Gospel text offer us?
- What image do we project in our community, parish...?



AMBIENTAL MUSIC.

Tu Reino Es Vida (Salmo 71)

<https://youtu.be/5bdVmeOMv54?si=IM-mXp2F49kpJl-e>

Tu Reino Es Vida

<https://youtu.be/99XEDtjAzZI?si=JV-XAolmqyTFZtha>

KINGDOM THAT LOVES

King of a Kingdom
that doesn't occupy territories,
but open hearts,
teach us to enter without fear
into your plan for life.

May we not seek crowns,
or applause, or recognition,

but the closeness of the Father
who sustains our steps
in the small things of each day.

Your Kingdom is already here.

Let us open our eyes and look
at those who bend down to serve,
at those who listen to suffering,
at those who accompany the least
among us.

Give us your gestures, Jesus,
to welcome the invisible,
those whom no one names,
those who await a helping hand,
the silenced.

Your Kingdom does not compete
nor impose itself,
it does not threaten nor defend itself.
it grows slowly, like a seed,
but sustains the world from within.

SONG: TO JESUS CHRIST

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6G9v4rCseEM>

ROSALÍA & SEBASTIÁN YATRA – ENTRÉGASELO TODO A JESÚS

<https://youtu.be/1WjgIux0Qj0?si=Bylb5PhpAp-7vQ-K>

May we not fall into
empty ideologies
nor quick fixes.
Change our hearts
so that everything may change.

Make us patient like wheat,
which grows even surrounded by
weeds.

To remain through time,
without losing hope
in the good that germinates.

May your truth unsettle us,
lead us to justice,
push us to support,
to forgive, to heal,
to love.

King who triumphs from the cross,
who transforms pain
into birth,
teach us to understand in death
the new beginning you promise.

Thank you, Father, for showing us
the Kingdom of your Son.

May our lives already be a Kingdom,
and may we be a Kingdom
with you forever.



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