

CHRIST THE KING**FIRST READING**

They anointed David king of Israel.

A reading from the second book of Samuel

5:1-3

Israel's leaders met with David at Hebron and said,
 "We are your close relatives.
 Even when Saul was king,
 you led our nation in battle.
 And the LORD promised that someday you would rule Israel
 and take care of us like a shepherd."

During the meeting,
 David made an agreement with the leaders,
 and asked the LORD to be their witness.
 Then the leaders poured olive oil on David's head
 to show that he was now the king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

47:1-2, 7-8

R. (8a) God is king of all the earth.

All of you nations,
 clap your hands and shout
 joyful praises to God.
 The LORD Most High is fearsome,
 the ruler of all the earth.

R. God is king of all the earth.

God is ruler of all the earth!
 Praise God with songs.
 God rules the nations
 from his sacred throne.

R. God is king of all the earth.

SECOND READING

The Father has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

1:15-18

Brothers and sisters:

Christ is exactly like God, who cannot be seen.

He is the first-born Son, superior to all creation.

Everything was created by him,

everything in heaven and on earth,

everything seen and unseen,

including all forces and powers,

and all rulers and authorities.

All things were created by God's Son,

and everything was made for him.

God's Son was before all else,

and by him everything is held together.

He is the head of his body, which is the church.

He is the very beginning,

the first to be raised from death,

so that he would be above all others.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Mark 11:9,10

R/. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Blessed is the one who inherits the kingdom of David our father;
blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

R/. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

✦ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

23:35-43

While the crowd stood there watching Jesus,
the leaders insulted him by saying,

“He saved others.

Now he should save himself,

if he really is God’s chosen Messiah!”

The soldiers made fun of Jesus and brought him some wine.

They said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!”

Above him was a sign that said,

“This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals hanging there also insulted Jesus by saying,

“Aren’t you the Messiah?

Save yourself and save us!”

But the other criminal told the first one off,

“Don’t you fear God?

Aren’t you getting the same punishment as this man?

We got what was coming to us,

but he didn’t do anything wrong.”

Then he said to Jesus,

“Remember me when you come into power!”

Jesus replied,

“I promise that today you will be with me in paradise.”

The gospel of the Lord.