

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe A

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord God:

"I myself will search for my sheep,
and will seek them out.

As shepherds seek out their flocks
when they are among their 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."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul. **R.**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I feel no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff – they comfort me. **R.**

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. **R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.
for since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;
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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

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 he 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 are accursed,
depart from me into the eternal fires
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 say 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.