

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <A

*Solemnity*  
November 25 - 26, 2023

**MC: Greeting**

**Entrance song**

**STAND**

**Introduction by the Celebrant**

**ENTRANCE ANT.** Cf. Rev 5:12; 1:6

*[Christ's Glory]*

**How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.**

**Penitential Act**

Before our King let us examine ourselves whether we identify with Him and recognize Him in our needy brothers and sisters:

*(pause)*

Lord Jesus, the poor child begging for food was really You and we did not recognize You  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, the sick woman who was very lonely, was really You and we did not recognize You.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, the prisoner treated as not fully human in jail was You, and we did not recognize you.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord  
forgive us our blindness to your presence and take all our sins away.  
Open our eyes to recognize you in people and lead us to the joy of everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest**

**C: Collect** *[King of the Universe]*

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

**Liturgy of the Word**

**SIT**

**First Reading** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 *[The Lord's Care]*  
*The Lord looks after his own flock. He takes them to pasture and rescues them. He goes after those who are lost. He will also judge them.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel  
Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock

especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, with Saint *N: patron saint* and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

**Intercessions: For the Church**

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant *N.* our Pope and *N.* our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

**For the Living**

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

**For the Dead**

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

**Concluding Doxology**

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**Communion Rite**

**STAND**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

*Priest:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant us peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*People:*

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

**Sign Of Peace**

*Priest* : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your  
Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I

give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*People* : **Amen**

*Priest* : The peace of the Lord be with you always

*People* : **And with your Spirit.**

*Priest* : Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**Breaking of the Bread**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*  
**Have mercy on us.**

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**Have mercy on us.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*  
**Grant us peace.**

**Reception of Communion**

**KNEEL**

*Priest* : Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*People* : **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Priest* : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

*Priest* : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

**Communion**

**Prayer after Communion** *[Christ's Eternal Kingdom]*

**STAND**

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**R/ Amen.**

**General Announcements**

**SIT**

**Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Blessing**

**STAND**

It is not enough to acclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and King. Our mission in life is to make His Kingdom a reality among us and to bring it to those around us by our words and our deeds.

**R/ Amen.**

The way to do this is to live as He lived: for others, in love and service. May almighty God bless you for this Task: the Father, and the Son, \* and the Holy Spirit. **R/ Amen.**

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord and to bear witness to His Kingdom.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The Lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 23

*[The Good Shepherd]*

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

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose. **(R.)**

Beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake. **(R.)**

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows. **(R.)**

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
for years to come. **(R)**

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 15:20-26,28

*[Christ the Firstfruits]*

*Christ has risen, and he is the firstfruits of the dead. All have life in him. He will reign and all will be subjected to him.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty 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 everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who

subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia Mk 11:9, 10 [Son of David] STAND**

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**



*"The Son of Man ... will sit upon his glorious throne."*

**Gospel Mt 25:31-46 [The Last Judgement]**

*All people will come to be judged by the Son of Man seated on his royal throne. The sheep will be on his right, the goats on his left. He will reward all good and punish all evil.*

**R/ The Lord be with you.**

**R/ And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**R/ Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who 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 drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?' When did we see you ill or prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, what ever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least

ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**R./ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily

SIT

I believe in God

STAND

General Intercessions

Let us pray to Christ the King, that the fruits of his reign will thrive throughout the world:

*(Pause)*

In this feast let us contemplate Christ in his glorified state as King of all Creation and of our souls. And the Church will always be a place for His kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace. And we are called to participate in it. Let us pray: **Thy kingdom come!**

For the world leaders: that they will exercise their power with great responsibility and accountability to the way they govern and promote peace among nations and to follow the goodness of the Lord, in securing justice and rights of the peoples. Let us pray: **Thy kingdom come!**

For our Parish Community: that we may affirm to aspire and make Christ the King reign over all hearts, with our words and with our deeds, through the apostolate, by reaching out to the poor, the homeless, the lonely, the unemployed, and those with health and financial problems at this times of trials. Let us pray: **Thy kingdom come!**

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace of Your kingdom on earth, and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray: **Thy kingdom come!**

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions...

*(Pause)*

Let us pray: **Thy kingdom come!**

Loving Father, Christ the King has made us into a kingdom from heaven on earth. Renew our obedience and faithfulness, and be pleased with the prayers we offer. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SL: Offertory hymn

SIT

Liturgy of the Eucharistic

**Preparation of the Bread**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will

become for us the bread of life.

*All : Blessed be God for ever.*

**Preparation of the Wine**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

*All : Blessed be God for ever.*

**Invitation To Prayer**

STAND

Priest : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People : May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

*[Unity and Peace]*

STAND

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

STAND

*Introductory Dialogue*

The Lord be with you.

*And with your spirit.*

Lift up your hearts

*We lift them up to the Lord*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right and just*

**Preface (P51) [Marks of Christ's Kingdom]**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God

For you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption and, making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of you glory, as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....**

**Eucharistic Prayer No.3**

KNEEL

**Praise to the Father**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration that they may become the Body and ✽ Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

**The Lord's Supper**

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.*

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

*Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

*Do this in memory of me.*

**Memorial Acclamation**

*Priest : The mystery of faith.*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

**The Memorial Prayer**

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

**In Communion with the Saints**

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,