

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

## COLLECT

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, one God, for ever and ever.

## FIRST READING 7:13-14

*A reading from the prophet Daniel*

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.  
*The word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 92

**Response: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. (R.)
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. (R)

## SECOND READING 1:5-8

*A reading from the book of the Apocalypse*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds;

everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.  
*The word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL 18:33-37

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

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.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Lord sits as King for ever.**

**The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



*What did Jesus mean when he said that all things must go through him to the Father? How has the human side of Jesus made it easier to understand the Father's love for us?*

How do you understand the image of Jesus as king? What characteristics do you attribute to a good king? Which of these characteristics are most present in Jesus as king?

What is the normal relationship between a king and his people? How is this different from Jesus' relationship with his people? How is it the same?

How do you show honour and love to Christ the king?

Describe the kingdom of God. Who is part of this kingdom? Is anyone excluded? Why?

Why do you think the feast of Christ the King is celebrated at the end of the church year?

## GOSPEL ACTION

*As we come to the end of the church year, what has been the biggest step you have taken in your faith life this year?*

## Readings – 1<sup>st</sup> Wk Advent Year C

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Second Reading:** Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

**Gospel:** Luke 21:25-28.34-36