

## CHRIST THE KING



FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*

*This is a reading from the prophet Ezekiel.*

Our God says,

“I, myself, will take care of my sheep.  
As a shepherd watches over the flock,  
so will I watch over my sheep.  
I, myself, will feed them and give them rest.  
I will find those who are lost and bring them back.  
I will heal those who are hurt.  
I will be a good shepherd to my sheep.  
But remember, I will judge between one sheep and another,  
and I will judge between the sheep and the goats.”

*The Word of the Lord.*

RESPONSE: *Psalm 23*

You are my shepherd; you are my friend.  
I want to follow you always, just to follow my friend.

*Verses:*

1. I have all I need. You are my shepherd; your hand is with me.
2. When pathways are dark,  
you are there guiding me, keeping me safe.
3. You give me food to eat.  
You make me welcome; you fill me with joy.
4. Your goodness I know. Your love will be with me all of my life.

*(Repeat Response after each Verse.)*

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“When you help my brothers and sisters,  
every time you do it to me.”  
Alleluia, alleluia! “Every time you do it to me.”

*(After Gospel, repeat Acclamation.)*

## GOSPEL: *Matthew 25:31-40*

*This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.*

**J**esus said to his disciples,

“When the King comes in glory,  
he will sit on his throne with all the angels around him.  
All the people of the world will come to him,  
and he will separate them  
just like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.  
Then the King will say to the sheep,

‘Come and receive your share of the kingdom  
which I have prepared for you.

For when I was hungry, you gave me food.

When I was thirsty, you gave me a drink.

When I was a stranger, you made me feel welcome.

When I had nothing to wear, you gave me clothes.

When I was sick, you took care of me,

and when I was in prison, you came and visited me.’



“The people who hear these words will ask,  
‘When did we see you hungry and give you food?  
When did we see you thirsty and give you a drink?  
When did we take you in and make you feel welcome?  
When did we give you clothes to wear?  
When did we see you sick or in prison and come to visit you?’  
“And the King will answer,  
‘When you do those things  
for any of my brothers and sisters in need, you do it to me.  
And those who do these things will live with God forever.’ ”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*