

CHRIST THE KING



FIRST READING: *Revelation 1:5-8*

This is a reading from the book of Revelation.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the first to rise from the dead!
He is the ruler of the kings on earth!
Jesus loves us and has freed us from sin by dying for us.
He has made us priests in a royal kingdom to serve our God.
All glory and power belong to Jesus forever and ever,
Amen!

The Lord God says:

["I am the Alpha and Omega,
the beginning and the end.]
I am the Lord God who is, who always was,
and who will come again."

This is the Word of God.

[] Reader may omit text that appears in brackets.

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 Reponse after each Verse.)



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.”

GOSPEL: *John 18:33b-37*

This is a reading from the Gospel of John.

Pilate asked Jesus,

“Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus answered,

“Are you asking this because you think I am
or because others told you about me?”

Pilate said,

“I am not a Jew!
Your own people and leaders
brought you here for me to judge you!
What have you done wrong?”

Jesus said,

“My kingdom is not a kingdom of this world.”

Pilate said,

“So, you are a King?”

Jesus answered,

“You say that I am a King.
I was born into this world to give witness to the truth.
Anyone who lives by the truth, listens to my voice.”

This is the Good News of the Lord.