

OUR LORD CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING [C]

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. "Look," they said "we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, 'You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.' "So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 121

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

"Let us go to God's house."

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And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem,

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Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

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For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

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SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians
We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible
for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.
Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out
of the power of darkness and created a place for us in
the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we
gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of
all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven
and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all
things were created through him and for him. Before
anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things
in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As
he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the
dead, so that he should be first in every way; because
God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all
things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he
made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Luke 23:35-43

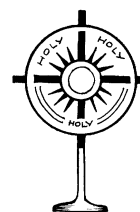
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord.

The people stayed there before the cross watching
Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. "He saved
others," they said "let him save himself if he is the Christ
of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers mocked him too,
and when they approached to offer him vinegar, they
said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."
Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of
the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. "Are you
not the Christ?" he said. "Save yourself and us as well."
But the other spoke up and rebuked him. "Have you no
fear of God at all?" he said. "You got the same sentence
as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying
for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong.
Jesus," he said "remember me when you come into your
kingdom." "Indeed, I promise you," he replied "today you
will be with me in paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

*FOLLOWING THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & NOTICES
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS BROUGHT TO
THE ALTAR FOR EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION*

**Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your Kingdom.
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when you come into your Kingdom.**

REPEAT AD LIB

*OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE ARE OFFERED
TO CHRIST THE KING, PRESENT IN THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THE ALTAR*

**Therefore we, before him bending,
This great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.
Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.**

*FOLLOWING BENEDICTION, THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IS RETURNED TO THE TABERNACLE AS WE SING*

**Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ
in the most Holy Sacrament.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the Highest.**

*WHEN THE BELL STOPS RINGING
WE STAND TO SING THE FINAL HYMN*