FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING [A]

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

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 23(22)

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

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. ***R/***

Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name. ***R/***

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ***R/***

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. ***R/***

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

A reading from the First Letter of Saint. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule 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 all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia…. **Alleluia…**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia…

GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the 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, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, 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, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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.
Jesus, remember me,
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