



# EUCHALETTE

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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Year B

## LAST SUNDAY OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR "B"

### *All Hail to the King of Our Hearts!*

**O**n this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we are invited to renew our total allegiance to Jesus as our Lord and King. He deserves no less than that.

Today, we have also a new opportunity to realize the immense number of graces the Lord has granted us in the course of this liturgical year. And as we call to mind these favors, we gladly express our most sincere gratitude for them.

At the end of this Eucharistic celebration, we will renew the consecration of ourselves, our families, and the entire nation to Jesus, King of the universe. Let this act of worship be a clear manifestation of our love for him who is our Lord and Savior, and a treasured opportunity to recommit ourselves to be his loyal subjects and faithful followers.



#### INTRODUCTORY RITES



##### Entrance Antiphon

*(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)*

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

##### Greeting

**P** –Long live Jesus Christ, our King! May his grace and peace be with you all!

**All** –**And with your spirit!**

##### Penitential Act

**P** –To prepare ourselves to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries, let us call to mind our sins and ask the Lord for pardon and strength. *(Pause)*

**P** –Lord Jesus, you are King of Truth and Life. Forgive any thought, word or action of

ours that are against these two virtues. Lord, have mercy!

**All** –**Lord, have mercy!**

**P** –Lord Jesus, you are King of Holiness and Grace. Forgive our sins of materialism, lust, and pride. Christ, have mercy!

**All** –**Christ, have mercy!**

**P** –Lord Jesus, you are King of Justice, Love, and Peace. Forgive our sins of unfairness, hatred, and aggressiveness. Lord, have mercy!

**All** –**Lord, have mercy!**

**P** –May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All** –**Amen!**

##### Gloria

**All** – Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks

for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen!

##### Collect (Opening Prayer)

**P** –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.  
*All—Amen!*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD



### 1st Reading *Dn 7:13-14*

The “Son of Man” to whom the “Ancient One” grants dominion, glory and kingship is a prophetic figure of the Risen Christ. He is the one who will come at the end of time to proclaim his eternal kingship over the whole universe.

*R* –A proclamation from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven. When he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord!  
*All—Thanks be to God!*

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 93*

*R* –*The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty!*

*D F#m Bm Bm/A*

The Lord is king; he is

*G A D*

robed in ma-jes- ty!

\* **The Lord is king, in splendor robed; robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.**

*R.*

\* **And he has made the world firm, not to be moved. Your throne stands firm from of old; from everlasting you are, O Lord.**

*R.*

\* **Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for length of days.**

*R.*

### 2nd Reading *Rv 1:5-8*

This short passage from the prologue of the Book of Revelation contains a description of what Jesus has done and still does for us, namely: out of sheer love, he has freed us from our sins and has made us a royal nation of priests. This is what entitles him to be our King.

*R* –A proclamation from the Book of Revelation

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen!

Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him.

All the peoples of the earth will lament him.

Yes! Amen!

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.”

The Word of the Lord!  
*All—Thanks be to God!*

### Gospel Acclamation

*All—Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Gospel *Jn 18:33-37*

As Pilate tried to investigate the basis for the accusations against Jesus, the truth about his Kingship surfaced. Jesus Christ is indeed “King,” but not like the kings of this world.

*P* –The Lord be with you!

*All—And with your spirit!*

*P* –A proclamation from the

holy Gospel according to John

*All—Glory to you, O Lord!*

Pilate said to Jesus, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own, or have others told you about me?” Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But, as it is, my kingdom is not here.”

So Pilate said to him, “Then, you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world: to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The Gospel of the Lord!

*All—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### Homily

#### Profession of Faith

*(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)*  
*All—*I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*bow*)\* *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.\** For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the

dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

### Prayer of the Faithful

**P** –Christ is the King of the universe. He is the first-born of all creation; from him all good things come. With confidence, let us implore him:

**All**—**Christ, our King, graciously hear us!**

**C** –Christ, our shepherd, gather your sheep from every land into one flock, and pasture them in green and fertile meadows. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –Christ, our Savior, heal the sick, seek out the lost, guard the strong, call back those who have wandered far away, and strengthen the weak. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –Christ, judge of all human beings, when you hand over the Kingdom to your Father, place us at your right hand, so that we may inherit the Kingdom prepared for us from the beginning of the world. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –Christ, Prince of Peace, break the weapons of war, and teach all peoples to live in harmony, mutual respect, and cooperation. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –Christ, heir of all nations, gather humanity into your Church so that all hearts may love and serve you as their sovereign Lord. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –Christ, firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep in death, bring all who have died to the glory of the resurrection. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –Let us pray in silence for our personal intentions. (*Pause*)  
Let us pray! **R.**

**P** –Lord Jesus, King of the universe, reign in our country, our communities, and our families. May everything we think, say, and do contribute to the realization of your plan of love. You who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All**—**Amen!**



### Preparation of the Gifts

**P** –Pray, brethren . . .

**All**—**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

**P** –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.

**All**—**Amen!**

### Preface of Christ the King

**P** –The Lord be with you!

**All**—**And with your spirit!**

**P** –Lift up your hearts!

**All**—**We lift them up to the Lord!**

**P** –Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**All**—**It is right and just!**

**P** –It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption and, making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

**All**—**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

### Memorial Acclamation

**P** –The mystery of faith!

**All**—**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again!**



**All**—**Our Father . . .**

**P** –Deliver us, Lord . . .

**All**—**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever!**

### Sign of Peace

### Breaking of the Bread

**All**—**Lamb of God . . .**

### Communion

**P** –Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

**All**—**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### Communion Antiphon

(*To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.*)

**The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

### Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus Christ the King

**Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before you. We are yours, and yours we wish to be;**

but to be more surely united with you, behold each one of us freely consecrates oneself today to your Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known you; many, too, despising your precepts, have rejected you. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to your Sacred Heart.

Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken you, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned you; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and the unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd.

Grant, O Lord, to your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give tranquility and

order to all nations; and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor forever. AMEN!

#### Prayer after Communion

*P* –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.

*All*–Amen!



*P* –The Lord be with you.

*All*–And with your spirit!

*P* –Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. (*Pause*)

May Christ the King protect you from all dangers and make you always aware of his saving love.

*All*–Amen!

*P* –May he strengthen your faith so that you may be brave heralds of his Kingdom.

*All*–Amen!

*P* –May he direct your steps to himself, and teach you how to walk in charity and peace.

*All*–Amen!

*P* –And may almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*All*–Amen!

*P* –Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!

*All*–Thanks be to God!

## THE FEATURES OF CHRIST'S KINGSHIP

♦ Fr. Sal Putzu, SDB

**H**erod the Great had already made a big blunder. On hearing that there was a newborn king of the Jews, he felt threatened, challenged in his greed for power. And he ordered that heinous slaughter of the innocents for which he will always be remembered with horror. (*See Mt 2:16.*)

In this respect, Pilate was wiser. He did not see in Jesus any threat to the Roman occupation. As far as he was concerned, there was no case against the harmless preacher/philosopher from Nazareth who appeared to be interested in *the truth*, rather than in political power. (*See Jn 18:38.*)

Not that Pilate had understood much of Jesus' clarification that his kingdom was "not of this world." For him, it was enough to hear that Jesus did not entertain any political ambitions . . . .

But for those who love Jesus and are interested in the Kingdom he has been "advertising" for three years, his answer to the Roman procurator should be intriguing. ***Jesus' answer is an invitation to reflect on the nature and demands of his Kingdom.*** What's this Kingdom, then, which is so different from any other earthly kingdom, empire or republic? It is not identified by any visible borders. It has no taxes, no parliament, no army . . . .

***God's Reign is a "kingdom within." It encompasses the whole person: body, mind, heart. Nothing that***

***is human escapes it. And all men are invited to be part of it*** – all races, cultures, traditions, languages can find in it not just a place but their "home."

This Kingdom ***will last for ever.*** The splendor of its achievements and the fulfillment of its program span beyond the boundaries of time and earthly decay. God's Reign is everlasting. ***It shares in the eternity of its Ruler, and draws its vitality from the very Source of Life.***

Founded on the ashes of a rotten mankind, now made new by God's merciful love, ***this "unconventional" Kingdom was established at the cost of the life of the King's Son. It advances irresistibly toward a final triumph,*** in spite of occasional setbacks.

***Its program and overriding concern is the total and lasting happiness of all humans. Its flag/symbol is a resplendent cross; its fundamental law is love of God and neighbor.*** Radical in its demands, this law has a transforming power: ***it can fashion frail human creatures into children of the Most High, patterned after Jesus, the First-born of the Father's family.***

Such is the X-ray chart of the Kingdom rejected by the Jews and dismissed by Pilate as irrelevant. For us, privileged to be part of it, this is the most precious treasure man can ever dream of – something to possess which we should be prepared to lose everything, including earthly life itself.



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