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CHRIST IS OUR KING NOT FOR ANYTHING ELSE BUT FOR LOVE

As we gather around the altar on this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the Gospel directs our hearts toward the final judgment, when Christ will reveal the measure of our love through the way we have cared for the least among us. For the Lord identifies Himself with those who are hungry, thirsty, suffering, and in need: "Whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me."
May this Eucharist open our hearts to recognize Christ in those who suffer and give us the grace to love and serve as Jesus our Lord and King does.

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. *(Rv 5:12; 1:6)*

GREETING

P –Glory and praise to Jesus, the King of the universe. May his grace and peace be with you all.
All–And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P –My brothers and sisters, as we prepare ourselves to proclaim the kingship of Christ, let us call to mind the many times we have failed to acknowledge him as our King. (Pause)

P –For the times we have refused to acknowledge you as our King in our thoughts, hearts, and actions, Lord, have mercy.
All–Lord, have mercy.

P –For the times we have failed to recognize and love you in our needy neighbor, Christ, have mercy.
All–Christ, have mercy.

P –For the times we did not serve You with a joyful, humble and generous heart. 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.

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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,
God, for ever and ever.
All – Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading — Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

R – A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel
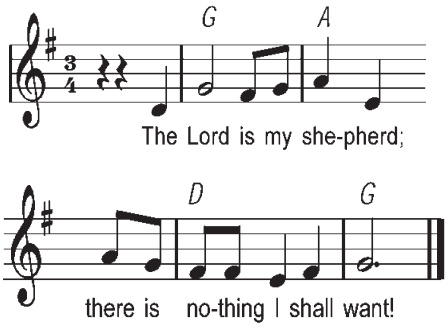
Thus says the Lord God:
"I myself will look after and tend
my sheep.
As a shepherd tends his flock
when he finds himself among
his scattered sheep,
so will I tend my sheep.
I will rescue them from every place where
they were scattered
when it was cloudy and dark.
I myself will pasture my sheep;
I myself will give them rest,"
says the Lord God.
"The lost I will seek out,
the strayed I will bring back,
the injured I will bind up,
the sick I will heal,
but the sleek and the strong I will destroy,
shepherding them rightly.
As for you, my sheep," says the Lord God,
"I will judge between one sheep
and another,
between rams and goats."

The Word of the Lord.
All – Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm — Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

R – The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

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* The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose. **R.**

* Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake. **R.**

* You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. **R.**

* Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come. **R.**

2nd Reading — 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

R – A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:
Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since death came through a man,
the resurrection of the dead came also through a man.
For just as in Adam all die,
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
but each one in proper order:
Christ the firstfruits;
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;
then comes the end,
when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father,
when he has destroyed every sovereignty 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 everything is subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected
to the one who subjected everything to him,
so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
All – Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation — Mk 11:9, 10

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 — Mt 25:31-46

P – The Lord be with you.
All – And with your spirit.
P – A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
All – Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.
And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
He will place the sheep on his right
and the goats on his 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,
a stranger and you welcomed me,
naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me,
in prison and you visited me.'
Then the righteous will answer him and say,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?
When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?
When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'
And the king will say to them in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Then he will say to those on his left, '
Depart from me, you accursed,
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,
a stranger and you gave me no welcome,
naked and you gave me no clothing,
ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'
Then they will answer and say,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,
and not minister to your needs?'
He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you,
what you did not do for one of these least ones,
you did not do for me.'
And these will go off to eternal punishment,
but the righteous to eternal life."

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 –Brothers and sisters, on this Solemnity of Christ the King, let us bring our prayers to Christ our Lord, our true and eternal King. With faith and confidence, let us pray:

All– Jesus, our King, teach us to love like You.

C –For the Church: may She faithfully proclaim Christ's Kingdom and like Christ Her King defend the dignity of the poor and oppressed. We pray: **R.**

C –For our leaders: may they recognize that all authority comes from God and govern with justice and compassion. We pray: **R.**

C –For families and young people: may they welcome Christ as King and generously serve those in need. We pray: **R.**

C –For the hungry, the stranger, the sick, and the imprisoned: may they experience Christ's love through the compassion and care of others. We pray: **R.**

P –Lord Jesus, our King and Shepherd, reign in our hearts and free us from selfishness and indifference. May we faithfully serve You and be welcomed into Your eternal Kingdom. You who live and reign forever and ever.
All– Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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: CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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– Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

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, you take away the sins
of the world:
have mercy on us. (2x)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world:
grant us peace.

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.
(Ps 29 (28): 10-11)

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.

CONCLUDING RITES

P –The Lord be with you.
All– And with your spirit.

P –May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All– Amen.

P –Go in peace and be instruments of God's love for all.
All– Thanks be to God.

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