



# Christ the King

## OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray: Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you. We ask this...

## FIRST READING

(Prophet Daniel's vision shows the everlasting dominion of the Son of man whose kingship will not be destroyed.)

A reading from the Book of Daniel (7: 13-14)

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. This is the Word of the Lord

## PSALM (92)

Response: The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. R./

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. R./

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. R./

## SECOND READING

(Jesus Christ, the faithful and the first-born one, who freed us from our sins is the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.)

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse (1: 5-8)

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, every one who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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### ACCLAMATION (Mk 11:9-10)

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

### GOSPEL

(Jesus confirms that he is a king, but his kingdom does not belong to this world. He was born into the world to testify to the truth and that everyone who belongs to the truth listens to his voice.)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (18: 33-37)

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world." Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice."

This is the Gospel of the Lord