

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading † Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

For thus says the Lord God: Look, I myself shall take care of my flock and look after it. As a shepherd looks after his flock when he is with his scattered sheep, so shall I look after my sheep. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered on the day of clouds and darkness.

I myself shall pasture my sheep, I myself shall give them rest – declares the Lord God. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the injured and make the sick strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you my sheep, the Lord God says this:
I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 22(23):1-3.5-6

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.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading † 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In fact, however, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have died. As it was by one man that death came, so through one man has come the resurrection of the dead. Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ will all be brought to life, but each in the proper order: Christ the first-fruits, and then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

After that comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to God the Father, when he has done away with every ruler, every authority and power. For he must reign *until he has put* all his enemies under his feet, and the last enemy to be done away with is death.

When everything has been subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the One who has subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † Mark 11:9.10

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Matthew 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Son of man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them from one another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats.

‘He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right hand,

“Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you since 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,

needing clothes and you clothed me,

sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.”

Then the righteous will say to him in reply,

“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, needing clothes and we clothed you?

When did we see you sick or in prison and go to you?”

And the King will answer,

“Amen I say to you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it to me.”

Then he will say to those on his left hand,

“Go away from me, accursed, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
For I was hungry and you did not give me food,
I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
needing clothes and you never clothed me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.”

Then they in their turn will ask,

“Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty,
a stranger or needing clothes, sick or in prison, and did not come to your aid?”

Then he will answer,

“Amen I say to you, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these,
you neglected to do it to me.”

And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the righteous to eternal life.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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