

CHRIST THE KING

21st November 2010

First Reading

2 Sam. 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 121(122)

Response: *I rejoiced when I heard them say:
let us go to the house of the Lord*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
"Let us go to God's house."
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R.

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

R.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

R.

Second Reading

Col. 1:11-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us

from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk. 23:35-43

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you Lord Christ.

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom

The leaders of the people scoffed at Jesus, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ.

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