

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

22nd November 2009

First Reading

Jer. 23:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms (92) 93

Response: *The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty*

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

Rev. 1:4-8

A reading from the book of Revelation

The ruler of the kings of the earth . . . made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,

and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. 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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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn. 18:33b-37

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John

R. Glory to you Lord Christ.

You say that I am a king.

Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?"

Jesus answered, "You say that 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."

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ.



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