

## The Feast of Christ the King

**Introit** (Acts 5 : 12; 1 : 6) The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive power and divinity and wisdom and strength and honour; to Him be glory and empire for ever and ever. Psalm. Give to the King, O God, thy justice, and to the King's Son Thy judgment. V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. — The Lamb ...

**Collect** Almighty and everlasting God, who in Thy beloved Son, the King of the whole world, hast willed to restore all things, mercifully grant that all the families of nations now kept apart by the wound of sin, may be brought under the sweet yoke of His rule: Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.



**Epistle** (Colossians 1 : 12 – 20) Brethren: Giving thanks to God the Father, who hath made us worthy to be partakers of the lot of the Saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His Blood, the remission of sins; who is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature: for in Him were all

things created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible: whether thrones, or dominations, or principalities, or powers, all things were created by Him and in Him; and He is before all, and by Him all things consist, and He is the head of the body of the Church, who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in all things He may hold the primacy because in Him it hath well-pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell; and through Him to reconcile all things unto Himself, making peace through the Blood of His cross, both as to the things on earth, and the things that are in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Gradual** (Psalm 71 : 8, 11) He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. And all kings shall adore Him, all nations shall serve Him. Alleluia, alleluia. (Ps. 7:14.) His power shall be an everlasting power, which shall not be taken away; and His kingdom a kingdom that shall not decay. Alleluia

**Gospel** (John 18 : 33 – 37) At that time, Pilate said to Jesus: Art Thou King of the Jews? Jesus answered: Do you say this thing of thyself, or have others told it thee of Me? Pilate answered: Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered Thee up to me: what hast Thou done? Jesus answered: My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would certainly strive that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from hence. Pilate therefore said to Him: Art Thou a king then? Jesus answered: You say that I am a King. For this was I born, and for this came I into the world, that I should give testimony to the truth. Every one that is of the truth, hears my voice

**Offertory** (Psalm 2 : 8) Ask of Me, and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance, and the ends of the earth for thy possession.

**Secret** O Lord, we offer Thee the Victim of man's redemption: grant, we beseech Thee, that Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, whom we are immolating in this sacrifice, may Himself bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace: Who lives and reigns ...

**Preface for the Feast of the Kingship of Our Lord** It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God: Who with the oil of gladness didst anoint Thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ as Priest for ever and King of all: that by offering Himself on the altar of the Cross a stainless Victim to appease Thee, He might accomplish the mysteries of man's redemption: and that subjecting all creatures to His sway, He might present to Thine infinite Majesty a universal and eternal Kingdom: a Kingdom of truth and life: a Kingdom of holiness and grace: a Kingdom of justice, love and peace. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing a hymn to Thy Glory, evermore saying: — *Sanctus*.

**Communion** (Psalm 28: 10) The Lord shall sit as King for ever: the Lord shall bless His people in peace.

**Postcommunion** We have received the food of immortality and beg, Lord, that we who are proud to fight under the banner of Christ our King, may reign with Him for ever in His realm above: Who lives and reigns ...

### **Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart**

*Traditionally, the Sunday preceding the Feast of All Saints is the feast of the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ. One may gain a plenary indulgence by the public recitation of the Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and so we exhort all faithful Catholics to offer, or renew, their consecration to the Sacred Heart of our Sovereign Lord.*

Most Sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before Thine altar. We are Thine, and Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united to Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates ourselves today to Thy Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known Thee. Many too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful children, who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children, who have abandoned Thee. Grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Be Thou King of all those who are still involved in the darkness of idolatry or of Islam, and refuse not to draw them into the light and kingdom of God. Turn Thine eyes of mercy towards the children of the race, once Thy chosen people: of old they called down upon themselves the Blood of the Saviour; may it now descend upon them a laver of redemption and of life.

Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: "Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation! To it be glory and honour forever!" Amen.