

160 THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHRIST THE KING

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17

As for you, my flock, I shall judge between one sheep and another.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

- 11 Thus says the Lord God:
“I myself will search for my sheep,
and will seek them out.
- 12 As shepherds seek out their flocks
when they are among their scattered sheep,
so I will seek out my sheep.
I will rescue them from all the places
to which they have been scattered
on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
- 15 “I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,
and I will make them lie down,”
says the Lord God.
- 16 “I will seek the lost,
and I will bring back the strayed,
and I will bind up the injured,
and I will strengthen the weak,
but the fat and the strong I will destroy.
I will feed my sheep with justice.
- 17 “As for you, my flock,” thus says the Lord God:
“I shall judge between one sheep and another,
between rams and goats.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (R.1)

- R.** The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
3 he restores my soul. **R.**

- 4 He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me. **R.**
- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. **R.**
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28

Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father,
so that God may be all in all.

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

- 20 Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.
- 21 For since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;
- 22 for as all die in Adam,
so all will be made alive in Christ.
- 23 But each in his own order:
Christ the first fruits,
then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
- 24 Then comes the end,
when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father,
after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.
- 25 For he must reign
until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
- 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
- 28 When all things are subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one
who put all things in subjection under him,
so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 11.9, 10

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 25.31-46

The Son of Man will sit on the throne of his glory,
and he will separate people one from another.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

32 All the nations will be gathered before him,
and he will separate people one from another
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,
33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand
and the goats at the left.

34 “Then the king will say to those at his right hand,
‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world;
35 for I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
36 I was naked and you gave me clothing,
I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me.’

37 “Then the righteous will answer him,
‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food,
or thirsty and gave you something to drink?
38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you,
or naked and gave you clothing?
39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison
and visited you?’

40 And the king will answer them,
‘Truly I tell you,
just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,
you did it to me.’

41 “Then he will say to those at his left hand,
‘You that are accursed,

depart from me into the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels;
42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,
43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not give me clothing,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’
44 “Then they also will answer,
‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison,
and did not take care of you?’
45 Then he will answer them,
‘Truly I tell you,
just as you did not do it to one of the least of these,
you did not do it to me.’
46 And these will go away into eternal punishment,
but the righteous into eternal life.”
The gospel of the Lord.