

Feast of Christ the King

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Colossians 1: 12-20 & John 18: 33-37

Our long season of Trinity is coming to an end. Today, we are celebrating Christ the King of the universe. We may ask ourselves how Christ is the King of the universe. Well, the answer to this question is that Christ is the King of the universe because of many reasons:

(1) He is fully man and fully God as we confess in our Creed (Nicene). He suffered and died on the cross. This is the doctrine of the Incarnation. (2) He is creator of the universe: according to the New Testament, Jesus is the creator of the universe. We read from John 1 that “All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made” (John 1: 3). But Jesus is not only the creator, He is also the model of Christian living. He Himself said, “I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me” (John 6:38). (3) By position, Christ was, is, and will continue to be the ruler of all rulers, for he created everything and gave dominion to rulers he is King of kings.

Jesus as King of Kings is a title given to him after he completed his mission on earth. The one who sent him gave the honor of dominion over other dominions to Jesus.

Here is the story of Christ being made King of the universe. We remember that at the beginning of his earthly ministry, Satan asked him to bow down in order to share his satanic dominion with him. That was the beginning of the story, our story, the beginning of our redemption. Jesus refused and rejected the deal that Satan offered him. He decided to give allegiance to God, and only God. St Paul teaches us that *“he became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the mention of the name of Jesus, every knee must bow in heaven and on earth and under earth, and every tongue must confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”* (Philippians 2: 8b-11).

Now, at the end of this season of Trinity, as we celebrate Christ’s kingship over the universe, his divinity, and his Lordship over all that is seen and unseen, we should ask ourselves the most important question. If we know him to be the King of the Universe, the Second Person of the Trinity, and our divine Lord, then have we truly made him the King and the Lord over our own lives? Do we treat him every day as though he is our King and Lord? Do we serve him as King and worship him as Lord in the way that he deserves to be served and worshipped? Is he the center of our Lives as he ought to be if he is truly our King?

As Christ's Body, we share in his work. As we come to the communion rail and receive his body and his blood, “we are very members incorporated in his mystical body.” Through us, the Church, Christ continues the work of salvation. He speaks and acts through us. Through us,

Christ shows forth the love of God for the human race. United with Jesus in his suffering, someday we will share his glory.

No matter our circumstances, Jesus Christ is the King! He is king over our relationships. He is far above our problems, our doubts, our limitations and failures. He reigns over the church and the world. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all the ages, to him be glory and power through every age forever. Amen.

Prayer

**Lord God, you gave the peoples of the world as the inheritance of your only Son; you crowned him as King of the universe, the head of your Church.
May we serve him faithfully so that, at the end of our own story, we may share his royal power forever.**