Christ the King – Year A
Sunday, 22nd November 2026

Sentence: Psalm 100.1
O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

Collect:
God of power and love,
who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:
free the world to rejoice in his peace,
to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.
Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-16; 34.20-24
A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel

11 For 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. 13 I will bring them
out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into
their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the
watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with
good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they
shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the
mountains of Israel. 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 them with justice. 20 Therefore, thus says
the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean
sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak
animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my
flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and
sheep. 23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed
them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their
God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.
Hear the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95.1-7

1 O come, let us sing out to the Lord:
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God:
and a great king above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth:
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his and he made it:
his hands moulded dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down:
and kneel before the Lord our maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God:
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

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Second Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints,
and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my
prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may
give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that,
with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which
he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,
19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe,
according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in
Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the
heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and
above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.
22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all
things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11.10

Alleluia. **Alleluia!**
Blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 who are members of my family, 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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