



Last Sunday After Pentecost

Christ the King: Proper 29

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING : Jeremiah 23:1-6

“**WOE TO THE SHEPHERDS** who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. Behold, the days are coming, declares 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 dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.””

Refrain

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Psalm 46

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| 1 | God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble. | 7 | The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. |
| 2 | Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea; | 8 | The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold. |
| 3 | Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. | 9 | Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth. |
| 4 | The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold. | 10 | It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. |
| 5 | There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High. | 11 | “Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.” |
| 6 | God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day. | 12 | The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold. |

SECOND READING : Colossians 1:11-20

MAY YOU BE STRENGTHENED with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL : Luke 23:35-43

THE PEOPLE STOOD BY, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”