

St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! —St. Francis

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 24, 2019

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus. R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ. R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Hymn of Faith"

READING I - 2 Samuel 5:1-3

In those days, all the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh. In days past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back. And the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel." When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: - Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD."

And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

READING II - Colossians 1:12-20

Brothers and sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power 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 in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Luke 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him,

"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." This is the word of the Lord.

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: God, Hear Us!

OFFERTORY HYMN - Taste and See

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COMMUNION & POST HYMN - One Bread, One Body-RECESSIONAL HYMN - Be Not Afraidl





St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S READINGS...

1st Reading: Because David was so loved as a leader, the elders of all the tribes anointed him king of Israel at Hebron. King David shepherded the people from then on.

2nd Reading: God's Son brought the people into the reign of forgiveness and love. He heads the body, the church, and has primacy in all things, making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel: The soldiers made fun of Jesus on the cross, offered him bitter wine, told him to save himself if he was the Christ, and told him to put an inscription over his head: "This is the King of the Jews."

Too many are using the word atheist these days to describe their faith. Are they atheists? Perhaps they/we just don't have the imagination to picture God as a cosmic Supreme Being, and not just an old man with a beard? Perhaps we need to allow our God, in god's infinite and unimaginable existence, to reign over creation in the entire universe!

What we do know is that our God asks his people to serve one another. And we know how to do that because of Jesus Christ who showed us how to live. What a perfect ending to the Year of Luke.

Consider the tax collector and the Pharisee earlier in Luke's Gospel. Instead of hoping that God will notice all that we've accomplished, let us fall on our knees at the throne of God, and beg for mercy.



77 Thanksgiving Prayer

Oh, God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry; When I have work, help me to remember the jobless: When I have a warm home, help me to remember the homeless, When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer; And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency and bestir my compassion. Make me concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. —Samuel F. Pugh

MARK THE DATE!

Sunday, December 8, 3 p.m.
St. Nicholas Fund-raiser Dinner.
All are welcome. Ask how you can help.



Take a moment out and pray...

Health Needs of: Debbie Marciano, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Tom Early, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Susan Leach, Stella Silva, Michele Feudale, Linda Maloney, Lorraine Avitabile, Matt Pokalsky, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Con Boyle, MaryAnn McEvoy, Rosalie Drenckhahn, James Kostolni, Elena Guigui, Theresa Kasmark, Constance Citrola, Elizabeth Zitzmann, Anne Grusell, Teresa Kay, Sidra Lewis, Toni Panico, Nina Dobrowolski, George Heyen, Helen de la Sota, Joanne Ippolito, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Thomas Kompa, Bill Piro, Iris Cafran, Frank Kompa, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Mickey Gagliano, John Blenn, Carla Calabrese, Gary P. Ribis, Emma Zaradich, & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.