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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE
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Christ the King or Reign of Christ Sunday is the culmination of the church calendar; one that marks God's time over and against human time keeping. The liturgical year begins with Advent in which we hear the promise of God's presence and begin our preparation for Christ's coming celebrated at Christmas. Lent is a season of repentance and return followed by Easter's news of Christ's resurrection. Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church or that time when the Holy Spirit empowers us to proclaim God's presence in the world with the year coming to an end at the Reign of Christ.

The concept of kingship or living under the reign of a king sounds strange to my ears. My knowledge of kings is limited to history books or fairy tales. As I write this article I realize that the closest connection to a monarchy I have known during my lifetime is rule by a Queen, not a King.

The kingdom Jesus announced was not modeled on any earthly kingdom. Christ's reign is one of peace and justice. The kingdom he announced is one where the least are first and the greatest are servants to all.

We do not celebrate a human version of kingship on Christ the King, rather we declare our allegiance to the one crucified and risen and join our voices with generations before us as we confess, "Jesus Christ is Lord!"

And then, as we do every calendar year, we begin the cycle again.

Blessings,
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