#### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI at the close of the Holy Year, 1925. The purpose of the Holy Father was to bring home to all mankind the fact that Christ is King not merely over individuals, but over families and societies, over states and nations, over rulers and tribunals as well. The duty of Catholics is to hasten the return of the world to His authority by their prayers, their influence, and their actions. They are reminded that they must courageously fight under His royal banner, with the weapons of the spirit, for the rights of God and of His Church.

The last Sunday of October was chosen for the feast, the Sunday preceding All Saints, because during this month the liturgical year draws to its close and thus the mysteries of Jesus Christ are fittingly completed and crowned by the liturgical festival of Christ, the King. On the same day also will annually take place the consecration of mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Christ is proclaimed King of all mankind both in the Old and the New Testament. David, Isaias, Daniel and Zacharias in plainest terms predicted the kingship or the kingdom of the future Messiah. At the coming of Christ the Angel Gabriel announced that "of His Kingdom there shall be no end." The Savior Himself declared His kingship before Pilate. But His kingdom, though in this world, was not to be of this world. On the last day He will present Himself together with His kingdom to His Father, when all His enemies shall have been put under His feet.

### **INTROIT Apocalypse 5: 12; 1: 6**

Dignus est Agnus, qui occísus est, accípere virtútem, et divinitátem, et sapiéntiam, et fortitúdinem, et honórem. Ipsi glória et impérium in sæcula sæculórum. (Ps. 71: 1) Deus, judícium tuum Regi da: et justítiam tuam Fílio Regis. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Dignus est Agnus, qui occísus est, accípere virtútem, et divinitátem et sapiéntiam, et fortitúdinem, et honórem. Ipsi glória et impérium in sæcula sæculórum.

## COLLECT

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui in dilécto Fílio tuo, universórum Rege, ómnia instauráre voluísti: concéde propítius; ut cunctæ famíliæ Géntium, peccáti vúlnere disgregátæ, ejus suavíssimo subdántur império: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

## **EPISTLE Colossians 1: 12-20**

Fratres: Grátias ágimus Deo Patri, qui dignos nos fecit in partem sortis sanctórum in lúmine, qui erípuit nos de potestáte tenebrárum, et tránstulit in regnum Fílii dilectiónis suæ, in quo habémus redemptiónem per sánguinem ejus, remissiónem peccatórum. Qui est imágo Dei invisíbilis, primogénitus ómnis creatúræ; quóniam in ipso cóndita sunt univérsa in cælis et in terra, visibília et invisibília, sive throni, sive dominatiónes, sive principátus, sive potestátes: ómnia per ipsum et in ipso creáta sunt: et ipse est ante omnes, et ómnia in ipso constant. Et ipse est caput córporis Ecclésiæ, qui est princípium, primogénitus ex mórtuis: ut sit in ómnibus ipse primátum tenens: quia in ipse complácuit omnem plenitúdinem inhabitáre; et per eum reconciliáre ómnia in ipsum, pacíficans per sánguinem crucis ejus sive quæ in terris, sive quæ in cælis sunt, in Christo Jesu Dómino nostro.

The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive power and divinity and wisdom and strength and honor: to Him be glory and empire for ever and ever. (Ps. 71: 1) Give to the King, O God, Thy judgment, and to the King's Son Thy justice. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive power and divinity and wisdom and strength and honor: to Him be glory and empire for ever and ever.

Almighty and eternal God, Who hast wished to restore all things through Thy beloved Son, the King of the universe, graciously grant that all the families of the Gentiles separated by the wound of sin, may be subjected to His most loving dominion, Who with Thee lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Brethren, we give thanks to God the Father, Who hath made us worthy to be partakers of the lot of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love. In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of sins; Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for in Him were all things created in Heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominations, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and in Him. And He is before all, and by Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the Church. Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He may hold the primacy: because in Him it hath well pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell; and through Him to reconcile all things unto Himself, making peace through the blood of His cross, both as to the things that are on earth, and the things that are in Heaven, in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

#### GRADUAL Psalms 71: 8, 11

Dominábitur a mari usque ad mare, et a flúmine usque ad términos orbis terrárum. Et adorábunt eum omnes reges terræ: omnes Gentes sérvient ei. Allelúja, allelúja. (Dan. 7: 14) Potéstas ejus, potéstas ætérna, quæ non auferétur: et regnum ejus, quod non corrumpétur. Allelúja.

#### **GOSPEL John 18: 33-37**

In illo témpore: Dixit Pilátus ad Jesum: Tu es Rex Judæórum? Respóndit Jesus: A temetípso hoc dicis, an alii dixérunt tibi de me? Respóndit Pilátus: Numquid ego Judæus sum? Gens tua, et pontífices tradidérunt te mihi: quid fecisti? Respóndit Jesus: Regnum meum non est de hoc mundo. Si ex hoc mundo esset regnum meum, minístri mei útique decertárent, ut non tráderer Judæis: nunc autem regnum meum non est hinc. Dicit ítaque ei Pilátus: Ergo Rex es tu? Respóndit Jesus: Tu dicis, quia Rex sum Ego. Ego in hoc natus sum, et ad hoc veni in mundum, ut testimónium perhíbeam veritáti: omnis qui est ex veritáte, audit vocem Meam.

### **OFFERTORY Psalms 2:8**

Póstula a me, et dabo tibi Gentes hereditátem tuam, et possessiónem tuam términos terræ.

### SECRET

Hóstiam tibi, Dómine, humánæ reconciliatiónis offérimus: præsta, quæsumus; ut quem sacrifíciis; præséntibus immolámus, ipse cunctis Géntibus unitátis et pacis dona concédat, Jesus Christus, Fílius tuus Dóminus noster: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. And all kings of the earth shall adore Him: all nations shall serve Him. Alleluia, alleluia. (Dan. 7: 14) His power is an everlasting power that shall not be taken away: and His kingdom that shall not be destroyed. Alleluia.

At that time: Pilate said to Jesus: Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered: Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or have others told it thee of Me? Pilate answered: Am I a Jew? Thy own nation, and the chief priests, have delivered thee up to me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered: My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would certainly strive that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now My kingdom is not from hence. Pilate therefore said to him: Art thou a king then? Jesus answered: Thou sayest that I am a King. For this was I born, and for this came I into the world; that I should give testimony to the truth, everyone that is of the truth, heareth My voice.

Ask of Me, and I will give thee the Gentiles for thy inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

O Lord, we offer Thee this host for the reconciliation of humanity; grant, we beseech Thee, that Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Whom we immolate in this sacrifice, will bestow on all Gentiles the gifts of unity and peace, Who with Thee lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

# **PREFACE OF CHRIST THE KING**

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper, et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus. Qui unigénitum Fílium tuum Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Sacerdótem ætérnum et universórum Regem, óleo exsultatiónis unxísti: ut seípsum in ara crucis, hóstiam immaculátam et pacíficam, ófferens, redemptiónis humánæ sacraménta perágeret: et suo subjéctis império ómnibus creatúris, ætérnum et universále regnum imménsæ tuæ tráderet Majestáti: regnum veritátis et vitæ; regnum sanctitátis et grátiæ; regnum justítiæ, amóris et pacis. Et ideo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatiónibus, cumque omni milítia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicéntes:

## COMMUNION Psalms 28: 10, 11

Sedébit Dóminus Rex in ætérnum: Dóminus benedícet pópulo suo in pace.

# POSTCOMMUNION

Immortalitátis alimóniam consecúti, quæsumus, Dómine: ut, qui sub Christi Regis vexíllis militáre gloriámur, cum Ipso, in cælésti sede, júgiter regnáre possímus: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God Who didst anoint with the oil of gladness Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Priest and King of the universe: that, offering Himself as a stainless peace-offering on the altar of the cross, He might fulfill the pledges of man's redemption; and, having all creatures subject to His power, might deliver to Thy sublime majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. And therefore with the Angels and Archangels, with the Thrones and Dominations, and with all the array of the heavenly host, we sing a hymn to Thy glory and unceasingly repeat:

The Lord shall sit King forever. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Fed with this immortal nourishment, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we who glory to fight under the standard of Christ the King, may forever reign with Him on the heavenly throne. Who with Thee lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.