

CHRIST THE KING YEAR A.

ON THIS THE LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THE CHURCH CELEBRATES THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING.

IT WAS POPE PIOUS XI. WHO INTRODUCED THIS FEAST IN 1925.

IN THIS AGE, THERE ARE NOT MANY KINGS OR EMPERORS, THEY EXIST MAINLY IN HISTORY BOOKS.

HOWEVER WE DO HONOR JESUS AS CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE, BY ENTHRONING HIM IN OUR HEARTS AND ALLOWING HIM TO HAVE CONTROL OVER OUR LIVES.

IN OUR FIRST READING TODAY THE PROPHET EZEKIEL IS CONSOLING THE JEWS EXILED IN BABYLON WHICH YAHWEH(God) IS EXPLAINING TO THEM THAT THEIR EXILE HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THE INFIDELITY AND DISLOYALTY TO GOD, ON THE PART OF THEIR LEADERS.

IN THIS PASSAGE GOD IS PROMISING HIS PEOPLE THAT HE WILL BECOME THEIR SHEPHERD, LEADING, FEEDING, HEALING, AND PROTECTING HIS FLOCK.

ALTHOUGH THE PROPHET WAS TALKING ABOUT A SPECIFIC POINT IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY, WHEN YAHWEH WOULD APPEAR TO SHEPHERD HIS PEOPLE, JESUS' DISCIPLES SAW IN THIS PROPHECY THE RISEN JESUS FULFILLING IT.

IN MOST OF THE MESSIANIC PROPHECIES GIVEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT THE BOOKS OF SAMUEL, MICAH, ISAIAH, AND JEREMIAH, THE MESSIAH IS PRESENTED AS A KING.

THE NEW TESTAMENT TELLS US THAT JESUS IS THE LONG AWAITED KING OF THE JEWS.

WE KNOW OF COURSE THAT JESUS IS A DIFFERENT TYPE OF KING, HE IS NOT A POWERFUL ALL CONQUERING KING THAT THE JEWS WERE EXPECTING.

JESUS IS A GENTLE HUMBLE AND SUFFERING KING.

JESUS LIVES TODAY AS KING IN THOUSANDS OF HUMAN HEARTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE CROSS IS HIS THRONE AND HIS RULE IS HIS COMMANDMENT TO "LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU"

JESUS LOVE IS SELFLESS , SACRIFICIAL, KIND, COMPASSIONATE, FORGIVING AND UNCONDITIONAL.

JESUS IS KING WITH A SAVING AND LIBERATING MISSION TO FREE MANKIND FROM ALL TYPES OF BONDAGE, ENABLING US TO LIVE PEACEFULLY AND HAPPILY ON EARTH AND TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN.

IT IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH TO PROCLAIM AND ESTABLISH THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST IN HUMAN SOULS. THIS MISSION TAKES PLACE BETWEEN THE FIRST COMING OF CHRIST, AT CHRISTMAS, AND HIS SECOND COMING AT THE END OF TIME.

THE FIRST LESSON THAT GROWS OUT OF OUR GOSPEL TODAY, DEPICTING THE LAST JUDGEMENT, IS THAT GOD IS A HIDDEN GOD. HIDDEN IN THE FACE OF TODAY'S SUFFERING MILLIONS AROUND THE WORLD.

HENCE THE MESSAGE TODAY IS TO SEEK GOD IN THE FACES OF THESE SUFFERING PEOPLE.

IT'S AN INVITATION FOR US TO EMBRACE A SUFFERING HUMANITY, JUST AS ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI DID AND AS SAINT THERESA OF CALCUTTA DID. AND MANY OTHERS AS WELL.

IF WE ARE TO DO THIS, THE FIRST REQUIREMENT IS TO HAVE THE LOVE OF CHRIST INSIDE US.

WE CAN'T EMEBRACE HURTING PEOPLE UNLESS THE LOVE OF GOD IS LIVING INSIDE US..

MOTHER THERESE SAID.

“THEY ARE HUNGRY NOT ONLY FOR BREAD BUT FOR LOVE
NAKED NOT ONLY FOR CLOTHING BUT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY AND
RESPECT
HOMELESS NOT ONLY FOR WANT OF A ROOM OF BRICKS BUT HOMELESS
BECAUSE OF REJECTION”

LET US EXAMINE OUR CONSCIENCES
ARE WE SERVING OTHERS AS JESUS WANTS

IF THE LOVE OF JESUS IS LIVING INSIDE US HE WILL LEAD S IN REACHING
OUT TO ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE.

CHRISTMAS IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME FOR US TO CONSIDER THESE
MATTERS. SO LET US CONCLUDE THE CHURCH'S YEAR BY ASKING THE
LORD TO HELP US TO SERVE THE KING OF KINGS BY HELPING THOSE IN
NEED IN OUR OWN ARCHDIOCES AND ELSEWHERE.

OUR STATUE HERE IS CALLED CHRISTUS VINCIT—IT MEANS CHRIST
CONQUERS.

MAY HE CONQUER OUR HEARTS SO THAT WE CAN SERVE HIM TO THE
VERY BEST OF OUR ABILITY.

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