



Living in the Spirit
◆ **Christ Our King**
Bring Forth the Kingdom of God

Call to Prayer and Sharing

❖ *Invitation to Prayer - Leader*

Let us begin,
Now, here in this place
With a moment of silence, to reflect,
to focus, to be attentive to ourselves,
to one another, and to the presence of Christ.

May the Lord come and increase our faith. (*reflective pause*)

❖ *If time allows, sing a familiar hymn or refrain from Sunday's Responsorial Psalm.*

❖ *Then: "In the name of the Father and of the Son"*

The Word of God

❖ *Leader: Let us welcome God's Word into our hearts.*

○ *Sing to the melody of "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow".*

Open our minds to, know you Lord;
Open our hearts to, hear your voice;
Open our hearts now, to your Word;
Come to us now, O Lord, our God.

From Matthew 25: 31-46 (the last judgement)

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply,

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'

Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'

He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

The Word of the Lord...

❖ *At the conclusion of the reading, briefly pause for quiet reflection.*

Faith Sharing/Question of the Week (consider sharing on **either** question)

❖ **Adult:** What changes in lifestyle does today's Gospel call you to?

❖ **Mixed Ages:** When Jesus comes to judge us, what will he be looking for in our lives?

Time is provided for sharing responses to the question. Silence between responses is to be expected. Allow a few minutes for faith sharing. For larger groups, leader invites members to divide into groups of 3 or 4 for faith sharing.

❖ *When the sharing comes to an end, the leader invites everyone to take a moment to silently and reverently hold what has been shared together.*

Litany of Faith

Leader: Christ Jesus, when we feed the hungry, we see you.

When we give drink to the thirsty, we see you.

When we reach out to them, we reach out to you.

All: Bring forth the kingdom of justice; bring forth the kingdom of God!

Leader: Christ Jesus, when we greet the stranger, we see you.

When we clothe the naked, we see you.

When we reach out to them, we reach out to you.

All: Bring forth the kingdom of justice; bring forth the kingdom of God!

Leader: Christ Jesus, when we care for the sick, we see you.

When we visit the imprisoned, we see you.

When we reach out to them, we reach out to you.

All: Bring forth the kingdom of justice; bring forth the kingdom of God!

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together:

All: Gracious God,

we know that you are with us here,

and we have taken your Word into our hearts.

You call us all to conversion,

we who are here in this place,

and we who are now ready to welcome you into our lives.

We are ready,

we are willing,

and we are yours.

So we surrender to you

our aches and longings into one as we pray:

Our Father...

Continue with the Meeting

Final Blessing

Leader: Now let us bless one another:

All: May God bless and keep us, may God smile upon us.

May God show us kindness, fill us with peace.

And may God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

may we always love and serve,

filled with God's Peace. Amen.

Leader: *Conclude the meeting or sing a closing song.*