

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

November 25, 2018

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Daniel 7:13-14 † Revelation 1:5-8 † John 18:33b-37



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Every year at this time, we culminate our Church year with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. For us, as Americans, our experience of royalty is usually that of the pomp and splendor of royal weddings, funerals and the like. We watch with fascination on our televisions and other media devices.

However, the Church in her wisdom invites us to travel through a different time and space. As we end this liturgical year, we cannot help but look back over the past year and remember our experiences of what has happened in our personal lives, the life of our Church as well as our society. We are aghast at some of the sorrow, injustice, violence, shame, conflict and polarization, to say the least, which has occurred within and around us. By ourselves, we can easily enter into a depth of hopelessness and helplessness.

We look; there in our midst stands the Risen One. *“Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth... who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.”* Both the visions in Daniel and Jesus himself before Pilate in John remind us that He is our Hope, our Source of strength. What joy and comfort to know that our loving God, who chose to become human like us, loves us. Christ our King always stands at our side before and at the end of all time.