

NOVEMBER 20, 2016
CHRIST THE KING
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Jesus is our King of Kings. He has come to rule in our lives forever.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the crucified king
Monday	Colossians 1:11-20	The person and work of Christ
Tuesday	Luke 19:28-38	Blessed is the king
Wednesday	John 18:33-39	Jesus questioned by Pilate
Thursday	Revelation 19:11-16	King of kings, Lord of lords
Friday	Matthew 2:1-6	The one born king
Saturday	Psalms 24	The king of glory comes
Sunday	Matthew 24:36-44	The sudden coming of salvation

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

God himself was pleased to live fully in his Son. And God was pleased for him to make peace by sacrificing his blood on the cross, so that all beings in heaven and on earth would be brought back to God.

Colossians 1:19-20 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, King of kings, teach us to forgive as you forgive. Amen. (Luke 23:34)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord of lords and King of kings, to you our thanks and praise we bring. For health and food and all you give, for every moment that we live. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God make you patient and strong, so that you never give up. Amen.
(Colossians 1:11)



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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Imagine that a king is coming to your house today. How will you prepare for his visit?
- How is Jesus like an earthly king? How is he different?
- What does it mean to have Jesus as your King?

DEVOTIONS

Use this simple liturgy based on Colossians 1:12-14. Give each person a candle. Put another candle on the table. This candle will be called the "Christ candle," and it represents Christ as the Light of the World. Dim lights to darken your devotional area.

Leader: We were under the power of darkness. But, God sent Jesus the Light into the world to save us. (Light the Christ candle)

All: God brought us into the kingdom of Jesus, his Son. We now belong to the kingdom of light. (The other candles are lit from the Christ candle)

Leader: Jesus has paid for our sins and through him we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God, forever and ever. Amen.

Close by praying or singing "Christ, Be Our Light" by Bernadette Farrell. (The song can be found on YouTube.)

SERVICE

As this Church year ends, plan to say thank you to those in the church who have served you in God's name—pastors, lay ministry staff, church leaders, musicians, program leaders, and others.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This is the last week of the Church year. Next Sunday, we enter Advent. Share memories of your involvement in the church this past year. What were some highlights? What did you learn? In what ways did you grow spiritually? Whom did you get to know better? Whom were you blessed by or through?

Share your hopes for your involvement in the church in the coming year. Say a prayer of thanks for your church and for God's work in and through it over the last twelve months.

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