

## **When the End Comes by Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of Christ the King**

Many saints and Church leaders have seen a connection between Christ's word in the Gospel for the Solemnity of Christ the King and His promise to be present in the Eucharist. For instance, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta used to say of her work with the destitute: "In Holy Communion we have Christ under the appearance of flesh and blood. It is the same Christ. 'I was hungry, I was naked, I was sick, I was homeless.'" St. John Chrysostom, the great patriarch of Eastern Catholicism, said the same thing in the fourth century: "Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not ignore him when He is naked. Do not pay Him homage in the temple clad in silk only then to neglect Him outside where He suffers cold and nakedness. He who said: 'This is my body' is the same One who said: 'You saw me hungry and you gave me no food', and 'Whatever you did to the least of my brothers you did also to me' ... What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices, when He is dying of hunger? Start by satisfying His hunger, and then with what is left you may adorn the altar as well." The Church year ends this week with a vision of the end of time. The scene in the Gospel is stark and resounds with Old Testament echoes. The Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language. The nations have been gathered to see His glory and receive His judgment. The King is the divine shepherd Ezekiel foresees in today First Reading, judging as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. Each of us will be judged upon our performance of the simple works of mercy we hear in the Gospel. These works, as Jesus explains today, are reflections or measures of our love for Him, our faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all our might and our neighbor as ourselves. Our faith is dead, lifeless, unless it be expressed in works of love. And we cannot say we truly love God, whom we cannot see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can. The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today Psalm. And we are to follow His lead, to imitate His example. He healed our sickness, freed us from the prison of sin and death, welcomed us who were once strangers to His covenant. He clothed us in baptism, and feeds us with the food and drink of His own body and blood. At "the end," He will come again to hand over His kingdom to His Father, as Paul says in the Epistle this week. Let us strive to be following Him in right paths, that this kingdom might be our inheritance, that we might enter into the eternal rest promised for the people of God.

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### **FIRST READING**

**EZEKIEL 34:11-12.15-17**

*"You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep, rams and he-goats*

### **A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel**

"Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice. "As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judged between sheep and sheep, rams and he-goats."

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 23:1-3.5-6**

### **R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. **R**

Near restful waters he leads me;  
he revives my soul.  
He guides me along the right path,  
for the sake of his name. **R**

You have prepared a table before  
me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for length of days unending. **R**



## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28**

*“He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be everything to everyone.”*

### **A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brethren: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to everyone.

## ALLELUIA

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That is coming!.* **ALLELUIA**

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 25:31-46**

*“He will sit on his glorious throne and he will separate them one from another.”*

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, “When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angles with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. “Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of 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, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you? ‘And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, 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, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ “Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when

did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today at 3pm 130 children of our parish will receive First Holy Communion. You are welcome to participate in the mass.
2. Friday 1<sup>st</sup> is the first Friday of the Month. Night Vigil will start at 9.00pm. All are welcome
3. The Engineering and Technical group will have their meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 13.00pm at St Joseph Deep Sea. All Architects, Quantity Surveyors and Contractors are invited.
4. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be the Rosary Marathon in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Our Lady’s Grotto in the Prayer Garden.
5. Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December is our awaited Family Thanksgiving Day. Please pick the envelope on the entrance of the Church. You are all welcome to participate and enjoy in the different activities!
6. On 3<sup>rd</sup> December the Family Day of our Parish Masses have been rescheduled as follows: 8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm and 5.30pm.
7. The Parish has organized a pilgrimage to Holy Land early next year. For more details, check the posters outside the church or visit the Parish Office.
8. Blessed Sr. Irene Nyaatha SCC, will be making its annual visit to the Children’s Ward at Kenyatta National Hospital on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017. They are appealing for donations of diapers (all sizes), toys weighing balances, digital thermometers and plastic chairs. Please send your contributions to our treasurer Joyce (0724899593).
9. The Bible Diary 2018 are available at the desk outside the church and at the bookshop. Please get a copy for yourself and your loved ones.

## DAILY READINGS

Monday: Dn 1:1-6.8-20; Ps Dn 3:29-34; Ps 24; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Ps Dn 3: 3539; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6.13-14.16-17.23-28; Ps Dn 3:40-45; Lk 21: 12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:11-27; Ps DN 3:46-52; Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Ps Dn 3:53-59; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Ps Dn 3:65; Lk 21-34-36

## Schedules for Masses:

Sunday: 7.30 am Kiswahili and 9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12.00 noon & 5.30 pm English

Saturday: English 7.00 a m; 9.00 am & 5.30 pm

Monday to Friday: English 7:00 am & 1.15 pm 5.30 pm Kiswahili