

NOVEMBER 24, 2024
CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY



Jesus Christ's reign is here now.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the king of truth
Monday	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	The time of judgment
Tuesday	Revelation 1:4b-8	Jesus reigns
Wednesday	1 Timothy 6:11-16	The good fight of faith
Thursday	Hebrews 1:1-4	God has spoken by his Son
Friday	Colossians 2:6-15	Fullness of life in Christ
Saturday	Psalms 93	The majesty of God's reign
Sunday	Luke 21:25-36	Coming of the Son of Man

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Ever-living God, may all people know of your love, power, and glory that brings healing and new life through Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who have established the world and all that is in it, we thank you for giving us this meal, a sign of your love for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of heaven and earth bless you to know Christ's reign.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK 
Canticle of the Turning



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- If you had unlimited power, how would you use it to change the world?
- How is Jesus, as "ruler of the kings of the earth" (Revelation 1:5), different from other rulers?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Revelation 1:4b-8.

This scripture writing celebrates what glory and power really look like. The Book of Revelation delights in the God who always is, always was, and always will be. God is not some rumored supreme power who intimidates and destroys. Unlike earthly powers that come and go, it is the reign of Jesus Christ that bestows life, love, and joy. It is not the power meant for a few at the expense of many. It is a reign filled with a whole kingdom of priests, meaning all of us, who serve God with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving without end. It is a reign that lifts all God's people to share in this power and give glory to God. This Jesus, the one who died as the faithful witness (also translated as "martyr") is coming and is here now to love us and free us from the bondage of all other rulers of the earth. This Jesus, the slain lamb, has already arrived in worship, in Holy Communion, and in a whole series of "Amens" that we shout because in Christ we are turning to see God's glory.

Discuss: Where and how do you see the reign of Christ in the world today?

Pray: **Almighty and living God, give us hearts and voices that give you praise as the only one who has the power to be with us always with love and hope through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help others experience the power of God in the world?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The season of Advent begins next Sunday. Begin to plan for your home observance of Advent. Think or talk about the traditions you have established in your home over the years. Many different types of Advent calendars can now be found in stores and online. Advent wreaths are another tradition. If you have not had a tradition in the past, consider using a calendar or wreath this year as part of your faith journey in your home and gifting them to family and friends as well.



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