

Integral Faith

"Homily helps and liturgy resources highlighting care for our common home."



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Homily Resources and Petitions for the The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Cycle C (November 24, 2019)

Homily Helps

† Scripture passages to note:

2 Samuel 5: When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel.

Psalm 122: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord!

2 Colossians 1: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him.... For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross...

Luke 23: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

The world was created by the three persons acting as a single divine principle but each one of them performed this common work in accordance with his own personal property. (#238) The Trinity has left its mark on all creation....*Each creature bears in itself a specifically Trinitarian structure* so real that it could be readily contemplated....[St. Bonaventure] points out to us the challenge of trying to read reality in a Trinitarian key. (#239)

[T]he world, created according to the divine model, is a web of relationships....The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures. In this way they make their own that Trinitarian dynamism that God imprinted in them when they were created. Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity that flows from the mystery of the Trinity. (#240)

Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power. (#241)

Eternal life will be a shared experience of awe in which each creature, resplendently transfigured will take its rightful place and have something to give those poor men and women who will have been liberated once and for all. (#243) In the meantime, we come together to take charge of this

home which has been entrusted to us, knowing that all the good which exists here will be taken up into the heavenly feast. (#244)

Two prayers for our earth: one to God the all-powerful Creator for all persons; the other a prayer asking inspiration for Christians to take up the commitment to creation set before us by the Gospel of Jesus. (#246)

† **Comment for the day:**

On this feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of our liturgical year, we see our place in this created world with joy and hope. Christ embraces all people and all creation because in him and for him all was created. Through him all things unfold, evolve, and reach their end. He holds all things together. As his disciples we are called to work alongside him, as Mary and Joseph did. We are called to embrace all creation with him and play a role in bringing creation to its fullness, its divinization in Christ, for the glory of God.

† **Related Prayers of the Faithful:**

Option 1: That all creatures will sing the praise of God and reflect God's beauty and glory, knowing God's love in our love for them, let us pray to the Lord....

Option 2: That all scientists – physicists, geologists, biologists and horticulturalists, environmentalists and engineers – may come to an ever deeper grasp of the sacredness of their work, let us pray to the Lord....

Option 3: That the blinders that prevent so many from perceiving the presence and pattern of the Divine Trinity in all created things may be removed from our eyes, let us pray to the Lord....

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