

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY/ LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 25, 2018



THE LESSON 2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are David's last words:
This is the declaration of
Jesse's son David,
the declaration of a man raised
high,
a man anointed by the God of
Jacob,
a man favored by
the strong one of Israel.
²The LORD's spirit speaks through
me;
his word is on my tongue.
³Israel's God has spoken,
Israel's rock said to me:
"Whoever rules rightly over
people,
whoever rules in the fear of God,
'is like the light of sunrise
on a morning with no clouds,
like the bright gleam after the
rain

that brings grass from the
ground."
⁴Yes, my house is this way with God!
He has made an eternal
covenant with me,
laid out and secure in every detail.
Yes, he provides every one of my
victories
and brings my every desire to
pass.
⁵But despicable people are like
thorns,
all of them good for nothing,
because they can't be carried by
hand.
⁶No one can touch them,
except with iron bar or the shaft
of a spear.
They must be burned up with fire
right on the spot!

THE RESPONSE Psalm 132:1-12

LORD, remember David—all the ways he suffered

¹and how he swore to the LORD, how he promised the strong one of Jacob:

²"I won't enter my house, won't get into my bed.

³"I won't let my eyes close, won't let my eyelids sleep, ⁴until I find a place for
the LORD, a dwelling place for the strong one of Jacob."

⁵Yes, we heard about it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.

⁶Let's enter God's dwelling place; let's worship at the place God rests
his feet!

⁷Get up, LORD, go to your residence—you and your powerful covenant
chest!

⁸Let your priests be dressed in righteousness; let your faithful shout out
with joy!

⁹And for the sake of your servant David, do not reject your anointed one.

¹⁰The LORD swore to David a true promise that God won't take back:

"I will put one of your own children on your throne.

¹¹And if your children keep my covenant and the laws that I will teach them,
then their children too will rule on your throne forever."

THE EPISTLE Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace and peace to you from
the one who is and was and is coming,
and from the seven spirits that
are before God's throne, ⁵and from
Jesus Christ—the faithful witness,
the firstborn from among the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the
earth.

To the one who loves us and freed
us from our sins by his blood, ⁶who
made us a kingdom, priests to his

God and Father—to him be glory
and power forever and always.
Amen.

⁷Look, he is coming with the
clouds! Every eye will see him,
including those who pierced him,
and all the tribes of the earth will
mourn because of him. This is so.
Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the
Omega," says the Lord God, "the
one who is and was and is coming,
the Almighty."

THE GOSPEL John 18:33-37

³³Pilate went back into the pal-
acc. He summoned Jesus and asked,
"Are you the king of the Jews?"

³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you say this
on your own or have others spoken
to you about me?"

³⁵Pilate responded, "I'm not a
Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief
priests handed you over to me. What
have you done?"

³⁶Jesus replied, "My kingdom
doesn't originate from this world.
If it did, my guards would fight so
that I wouldn't have been arrested
by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom
isn't from here."

³⁷"So you are a king?" Pilate said.
Jesus answered, "You say that I am
a king. I was born and came into the
world for this reason: to testify to the
truth. Whoever accepts the truth lis-
tens to my voice."

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