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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR C**

**Introduction:**

Good morning / evening we welcome our parishioners to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

Our liturgical year ends with the celebration of Christ, the King of the universe. This is fitting because the end of human history and of the created world is the Lord Jesus through whom all things were created and by whom the world is being restored to the Father.

The Celebrant for today’s Mass is:

Please now stand and join in our Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (2 Sm 5:1-3)

*A reading from the second book of Samuel*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. ‘Look’ they said ‘we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, “You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.”’ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2)

***(R) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***

#### 1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:

#### ‘Let us go to God’s house.’

#### And now our feet are standing

#### within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

#### 2. Jerusalem is built as a city

#### strongly compact.

#### It is there that the tribes go up,

#### the tribes of the Lord. (R.)

#### 3. For Israel’s law it is,

#### there to praise the Lord’s name.

#### There were set the thrones of judgement

#### of the house of David. (R.)

#### SECOND READING (Col 1:12-20)

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation,

for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers –

all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead,

so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection

to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,

everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace

by his death on the cross.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 23:35-43)

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

#### The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. ‘He saved others,’ they said, ‘let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.’ The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’ Above him there was an inscription: ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

#### One of the criminals hanging there abused him. ‘Are you not the Christ?’ he said. ‘Save yourself and us as well.’ But the other spoke up and rebuked him. ‘Have you no fear of God at all?’ he said. ‘You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,’ he said, ‘remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ‘Indeed, I promise you,’ he replied, ‘today you will be with me in paradise.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** Let us pray to the heavenly Father that his kingdom may come and that his will be done on earth as it is in heaven. With confidence we pray:

**Reader:**  For Pope Francis, bishops, priests, deacons, and all Church leaders: May they work with courage and faith to sow the seed of the kingdom, that the values of the Gospel may permeate the lives of men and women.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For government leaders all over the world: May they strive to promote justice, peace, and progress, and protect the weak and those with neither voice nor defender.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For judges, policemen, soldiers, and those entrusted to enforce the law: May they be fair and impartial, humane and kind, and never forget that they are accountable to Christ, the just King.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who would sabotage peace, sow disunity, and use repression and terror for their selfish ends: May they instead take the path of peace and experience the beatitude of the peacemakers.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For all of us gathered here: As we close the liturgical year, may our loyalty to Christ come before anything and anyone.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mentioned in our parish bulletin and the names written on our memorial wall. May God’s merciful love shine on them and their loved ones left behind.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** **Together we now pray our Parish Community prayer for the Feast of Christ the king.**

**All:** O Jesus Christ, we acknowledge you as universal King. All that has been made has been created for You. Exercise all Your rights over us.

We renew our Baptismal Vows. We renounce Satan, his pomp’s and his works; we promise to live as good Christians. And, in particular we pledge ourselves to labour, to the best of our ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Church.

Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do we offer our services, labouring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred kingship, and that the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe.

Amen.

**Priest:** Heavenly Father, make us loyal and true followers of Christ, our Saviour and King. Amid life’s vicissitudes, may we draw courage from him who has overcome the world and now reigns with you, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**