

**Year B; Christ the King Sunday**  
**Liturgical Elements**  
**Developed for November 21, 2021**  
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**Lectionary Texts**

- 2 Samuel 23:1-7
- Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)
- Revelation 1:4b-8
- John 18:33-37

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 132*)

One: Let us gather before the Lord

**All: and worship at his footstool.**

One: Let all of us as your priests, O Lord, be clothed with righteousness,

**All: and let your faithful shout for joy.**

One: We will satisfy the poor with bread,

**All: your priests will be clothed with salvation.**

One: May the crown of the Lord shine brightly;

**All: let us worship Jesus — prophet, priest, and king!**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

If Jesus is Lord, Prophet, Priest, King — even both fully human and fully God, our lives should re-orient entirely towards him and his purposes. Let us confess where we fall short and sin against our Savior and our God.

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (30 seconds)

**\*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*John 18*)

Loving God and God of peace, you are the Almighty, but you, also, concern yourself with us. We confess Jesus as King, but we rebel from our king despite his many benefits. We don't respect his commandments and his calling. We fail to belong to the truth, and we fail to listen to the voice of our king. Grow us into joyful obedience, and forgive our sins. In the name of the one who is Prophet, Priest, King, Lord, and very God we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(from Revelation 1)*

We pray to a God who loves us and offers us his grace and to a God that through Jesus the Messiah freed us from our sins by his blood. He makes us to be a kingdom — all of us as priests serving God. Trust in the blood of Jesus and know that we are forgiven. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(from Revelation 1)*

**Merciful God, you have come in Jesus Christ, who offers his grace and love to all those who follow him. He is, he was, and he is still to come. He is our faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of all the kings on this earth — he is surely King of Kings. In thankfulness for his gracious rule and the Kingdom he is building and inviting us into developing, we offer these gifts for that very work. Amen.**

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