

Our Great and Glorious King

Living the Liturgical Year

Revelation 1:4-6

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- * What did you hear?
- * What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- * What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

KEY VERSES

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

REFLECTION

On this Christ the King Sunday, we proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and we are citizens of his kingdom. Our journey through Advent begins next Sunday, and over the next 12 months we will mark time according to the Christian calendar rather than our culture. **Consider how might this help you:**

- * **Draw closer to Jesus as the source of joy in your life.**
- * **Broaden your exposure to scripture through the lectionary texts each week.**

Our scripture passage from Revelation reminds us that our citizenship in the kingdom of Jesus is the most important identity we'll ever have. **Reflect on each point that John wants to convey to us:**

- * **The authority and dominion of Jesus existed before time, in the present, and for all eternity.**
- * **To free us from our sins, Jesus traded his throne for a cross.**
- * **We're not only freed from sin, but called to be "priests" alongside Jesus.**

The church in its purest form exists to help us determine what our priesthood looks like. As C.S. Lewis's words remind us, we can live with joy if we have the presence of purpose. **Consider how your purpose might be shaped, and how your words and actions can declare to the world that Christ is King.**

Heavenly Father, with proud hearts we proclaim that Jesus is King. Lead us, breathe your life and purpose into our lives today as we prepare for the journey ahead. May we become more fully alive than we thought possible. Amen.