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BENEFICE

# Sunday 22nd November 2026

## Christ the King, Sunday next before Advent

## Readings

### Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

**God the True Shepherd**

11 For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them
out. 12As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered
sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which
they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13I will bring them
out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into
their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the
watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14I will feed them with good
pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie
down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of
Israel. 15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down,
says the Lord God. 16I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will
bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will
destroy. I will feed them with justice. 20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them:
I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21Because you pushed
with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until
you scattered them far and wide, 22I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be
ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them one
shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their
shepherd. 24And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince
among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

### Ephesians 1.15-end

**Paul's Prayer**

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints,
and for this reason 16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my
prayers. 17I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give
you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18so that, with the
eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has
called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19and
what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to
the working of his great power. 20God put this power to work in Christ when he

raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21]far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22]And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23]which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## Matthew 25.31-end

### The Judgement of the Nations

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32]All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33]and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34]Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; [35]for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." [37]Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38]And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? [39]And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" [40]And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." [41]Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; [42]for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43]I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." [44]Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" [45]Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." [46]And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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