

The First 15: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

For the week leading up to 11/20/22

Use this simple format to give "the first fifteen" minutes of your meeting to God in prayer and enter into the beginnings of "whole community catechesis" at Shrine. Choose 3 readers for the Gospel before beginning.

Opening Prayer from Psalm 100

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

First Reading of the Gospel (after reading, allow 1 minute of prayer before the Second Reading)

A reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord. (All) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Second Reading of the Gospel

Mention any word or phrase that struck you.

Third Reading of the Gospel (after reading, allow 2-5 minutes of silent prayer before sharing begins)

Meditation: Lord God, what are you saying to me in this passage?

Share any thoughts on the Scripture passage.

Closing Prayer from St. Hippolytus of Rome

*Christ is risen: The world below lies desolate.
Christ is risen: The spirits of evil are fallen.
Christ is risen: The angels of God are rejoicing.
Christ is risen: The tombs of the dead are empty.
Christ is risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers!
Glory and Power are His for ever and ever! Amen.*