

# Today You Will Be with Me



St. Rose of Lima  
Liturgy of the Word with Children  
Family Reflection for  
November 20, 2022 Christ the King

## Family Prayer:

Loving Father, help us grow in love for you and one another, so that your kingdom may come as we do your will. Grant this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 23:35-43

*As the King of Love, Jesus is always ready to welcome us into the joy of his kingdom.*

## Reflection:

Today marks the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this day we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. We call Jesus our King, but he is not like the kings and queens of countries. Jesus is King because in his death and resurrection, he brought salvation to all humankind. The kingdom of God is an 'invisible' kingdom. It is not a place you can see because it exists within the hearts of believers. When we believe in him, live by his rules of love, and know his words are true, we honor him as our King.

Discuss these questions as a family:

What do you know about kings and queens? What would you do if you were a king? How is Jesus a king? Reflect together on how the various people in the Gospel story respond to Jesus on the Cross. Who in this Gospel recognizes Jesus as King? (The thief) What does Jesus promise him? (The thief will be with Jesus in paradise.) Why does this moment on the cross fill us with enormous hope? (It is never too late to say sorry. However far we might wander from God's love, Jesus will never abandon us.) Jesus is known as Messiah because he is our Savior. Messiah is an important name. Do you know what it means? ("Anointed one").

## Family activities:

The most important way to honor any feast day, is to pray. Pray the Lord's Prayer as a family and practice humility, gentleness, and loving service to recognize and honor Christ the King.

Enjoy a kingly feast. Put your heads together to create a "feast fit for a king" for this week's Sunday dinner.

Christ Our King Song  
(Sing to the tune of Frere Jacques)

Jesus Christ  
Jesus Christ  
is our king;  
is our king.

He rules with peace and justice.  
He gives life to all people.  
We praise him.  
Praise our king.

Let us worship,  
let us worship,  
Christ our king;  
Christ our king.

As king he shows the way,  
the truth, and the life.  
We praise him.  
Praise our king.

