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Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (C)

A reading from the second book of Samuel

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Israel's leaders met with David at Hebron and said,
"We are your close relatives.
Even when Saul was king,
you led our nation in battle.
And the LORD promised that someday you would rule Israel
and take care of us like a shepherd."

During the meeting,
David made an agreement with the leaders,
and asked the LORD to be their witness.
Then the leaders poured olive oil on David's head
to show that he was now the king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

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Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47:1-2, 7-8

All: God is king of all the earth.

*All of you nations,
clap your hands and shout
joyful praises to God.
The LORD Most High is fearsome,
the ruler of all the earth.*

All: God is king of all the earth.

*God is ruler of all the earth!
Praise God with songs.
God rules the nations
from his sacred throne.*

All: God is king of all the earth.

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SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-18

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:

Christ is exactly like God, who cannot be seen.
He is the first-born Son, superior to all creation.
Everything was created by him,
everything in heaven and on earth,
everything seen and unseen,
including all forces and powers,
and all rulers and authorities.
All things were created by God's Son,
and everything was made for him.

God's Son was before all else,
and by him everything is held together.

He is the head of his body, which is the church.
He is the very beginning,
the first to be raised from death,
so that he would be above all others.

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

GOSPEL
Luke 23:23-43

While the crowd stood there watching Jesus,
the leaders insulted him by saying,
"He saved others.
Now he should save himself,
if he really is God's chosen Messiah!"

The soldiers made fun of Jesus and brought him some wine.
They said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!"
Above him was a sign that said,
"This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals hanging there
also insulted Jesus by saying,
"Aren't you the Messiah?
Save yourself and save us!"

But the other criminal told the first one off,
"Don't you fear God?
Aren't you getting the same punishment as this man?
We got what was coming to us,
but he didn't do anything wrong."
Then he said to Jesus,
"Remember me when you come into power!"

Jesus replied,
"I promise that today you will be with me in paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.