November 23 2025 Christ the King Last Sunday after Pentecost

The Collect
Almighty and everlasting
God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Scripture Study
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Psalm 46
**1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.**
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
*and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
4 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.
6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.
7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
8 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
**11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."**
12 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. **Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.** The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Colossians 1:11-20
May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. **He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption**, the forgiveness of sins. He is t**he image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things **visible and invisible**, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and **through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things**, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23:33-43
When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. **The people stood by, watching** Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also **mocked** him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" **There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals** who were hanged there kept **deriding** him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other **rebuked** him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, **but this man has done nothing wrong**." Then he said, **"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."** He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in **Paradise**."