

## King Jesus

Today we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. It is the last Sunday before we enter the new church year beginning with Advent next week. But before we prepare to welcome the baby Jesus, we reflect upon the Christian understanding that Christ is the fulfillment of God's promise to raise up a Saviour for the people.

In both the Old and New Testaments, we find explicit reference to Jesus, the Messiah as being a King.

The prophet Zechariah 9:9 writes about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday '*Behold, your king is coming to you*'. In Luke 1 the angel Gabriel, announced to Mary that she would give birth to Jesus, said: *He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.*

Elsewhere Jesus is referred to as the: King of the Jews (Matthew 1:2), King of Israel (Mark 15:32), The blessed and only Sovereign (1 Timothy 6:15), King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19:16).

So, what does it mean for us to say that Jesus is our King? When we say that Jesus is our King, then this means we swear our allegiance to him and submit ourselves to his Lordship over every part of our lives. If Jesus is our King, then He will rule in the Church and within our hearts. We will seek his will in all things. We will bow our hearts before him. Our commitment to him will shape our lives. He will be in the forefront of our minds and hearts. His purposes will be our highest concern, and we will endeavor to live as he lived, and do as he did.

So, as we enter Advent next Sunday and prepare ourselves to meet the baby Jesus once again, we are invited to reflect upon what does it mean for us to say that Jesus is our King and how do we reflect Jesus' kingship in our life?