

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
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Daniel 7;13-14, Revelation 1;5-8, John 18;33b-37

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The Kingdom of God is in each of us who allows Christ to reign in our lives as absolute Lord.

Our reading from Revelation tells us: “Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom of priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.”

It was Origen who wrote so long ago “He who prays for the coming of God’s kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it may grow and bear fruit and become perfect for God reigns in each of his holy ones. Anyone who is holy obeys the laws of God. The Father is present in that perfect soul, and with him Christ reigns, according to the words: ‘We shall come to him and make our home with him.’ And so we pray daily as Jesus taught us: “Hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come.”

In our Gospel today Pilate says to Jesus: “Then you are a king.” And Jesus answers: “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” As we seek the truth of God’s reign in our lives through our daily choices we discover that we begin to enjoy even now, the blessings of rebirth and resurrection: the reality of Christ’s Kingdom even here and now.