Fraternity of St. Mary Immaculate and Saint Francis of Assisi

33 hours with Christ

We take a walk through the life of Christ up to His Passion and Resurrection!

BIBLICAL READINGS

Solemnity of Christ the King

Saturday, November 21st – Sunday, November 22nd

13.00 – 14.00
HOUR WITH JESUS
KING PROMISED TO DAVID

1. READING
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-16

Once the king had settled into his palace and Yahweh had granted him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a cedar-wood palace, while the ark of God is under awnings.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do whatever you have in mind, for Yahweh is with you.' But that very night, the word of Yahweh came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Yahweh says this: Are you to build me a temple for me to live in?

I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you wherever you went; I have got rid of all your enemies for you. I am going to make your fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I am going to provide a place for my people Israel; I shall plant them there, and there they will live and never be disturbed again; nor will they be oppressed by the wicked any more, as they were in former times ever since the time when I instituted judges to govern my people Israel; and I shall grant you rest from all your enemies. Yahweh furthermore tells you that he will make you a dynasty. And when your days are over and you fall asleep with your ancestors, ***I shall appoint your heir, your own son to succeed you (and I shall make his sovereignty secure. He will build a temple for my name) and I shall make his royal throne secure for ever. I shall be a father to him and he a son to me;*** if he does wrong, I shall punish him with a rod such as men use, with blows such as mankind gives. But my faithful love will never be withdrawn from him as I withdrew it from Saul, whom I removed from before you***. Your dynasty and your sovereignty will ever stand firm before me and your throne be for ever secure." '***

2. READING

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, you who enjoy God's favour! The Lord is with you.'

She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. ***Look! You are to conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.'***

Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I have no knowledge of man?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. And I tell you this too: your cousin Elizabeth also, in her old age, has conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' Mary said, 'You see before you the Lord's servant, let it happen to me as you have said.' And the angel left her.

3. READING

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, suddenly some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east asking, ***'Where is the infant king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.'*** When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born.
They told him, 'At Bethlehem in Judaea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

And *you, Bethlehem*, in the land of Judah, you are *by no means the least among the leaders of Judah*, ***for from you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'***

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared and sent them on to Bethlehem with the words, 'Go and find out all about the child, and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.'

Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And suddenly the star they had seen rising went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were given a warning in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

16.00 – 17.00
HOUR WITH JESUS
HUMBLE AND MEEK KING

1. READING
Matthew 21:1-11

When they were near Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village facing you, and you will at once find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, "The Master needs them and will send them back at once." ' This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet:

Say to the daughter of Zion:
Look, your king is approaching,
humble and riding on a donkey and on a colt,
the foal of a beast of burden.

So the disciples went and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he took his seat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting:

Hosanna to the son of David!
Blessed is he who is coming in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heavens!

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil as people asked, 'Who is this?' and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

2. READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Make your own the mind of Christ Jesus:
Who, being in the form of God, did not count equality with God something to be grasped.
But he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming as human beings are; and being in every way like a human being,
he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.
And for this God raised him high, ***and gave him the name which is above all other names;***
so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

00.00 – 01.00
HOUR WITH JESUS
KING OF LOVE

1. READING
John 13:1-9, 12-15

Before the festival of the Passover, Jesus, knowing that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father, ***having loved those who were his in the world, loved them to the end.*** They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garments and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter. 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have no share with me.' Simon Peter said, 'Well then, Lord, not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!'

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand', he said, 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.

2. READING
John 15:9-17

I have loved you just as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know the master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; so that the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.
My command to you is to love one another.

3. READING
Romans 8:31-39

After saying this, what can we add? If God is for us, who can be against us? Since he did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for the sake of all of us, then can we not expect that with him he will freely give us all his gifts?
Who can bring any accusation against those that God has chosen? When God grants saving justice who can condemn? Are we not sure that it is Christ Jesus, who died -- yes and more, who was raised from the dead and is at God's right hand -- and who is adding his plea for us?
Can anything cut us off from the love of Christ -- can hardships or distress, or persecution, or lack of food and clothing, or threats or violence; as scripture says: *For your sake we are being massacred all day long, treated as sheep to be slaughtered?* ***No; we come through all these things triumphantly victorious, by the power of him who loved us.*** For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nothing already in existence and nothing still to come, nor any power, nor the heights nor the depths, nor any created thing whatever, will be able to come between us and the love of God, known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

02.00 – 03.00
HOUR WITH JESUS
KING OF PEACE

1. READING
Isaiah 9:2-7

You have enlarged the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest time, as they exult when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that weighed on it, the bar across its shoulders, the rod of its oppressor, these you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the footgear clanking over the ground and all the clothing rolled in blood, will be burnt, will be food for the flames.
For a son has been born for us, a son has been given to us, and dominion has been laid on his shoulders; and this is the name he has been given, ***'Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace'***
to extend his dominion in boundless peace, over the throne of David and over his kingdom to make it secure and sustain it in fair judgement and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of Yahweh Sabaoth will do this.

2. READING
John 14:23-29

Jesus replied: Anyone who loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make a home in him.
Anyone who does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not my own: it is the word of the Father who sent me.
I have said these things to you while still with you;
but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace which the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say: I am going away and shall return. If you loved me you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.

3. READING

Ephesians 2:13-22

But now in Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far off have been brought close, by the blood of Christ.
For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one entity and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, by destroying in his own person the hostility, that is, the Law of commandments with its decrees. His purpose in this was, by restoring peace, to create a single New Man out of the two of them, and through the cross, to reconcile them both to God in one Body; in his own person he killed the hostility.

He came to bring the good news of peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.
Through him, then, we both in the one Spirit have free access to the Father.
So you are no longer aliens or foreign visitors; you are fellow-citizens with the holy people of God and part of God's household.
You are built upon the foundations of the apostles and prophets, and Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone.
Every structure knit together in him grows into a holy temple in the Lord; and you too, in him, are being built up into a dwelling-place of God in the Spirit.

03.00 – 04.00
HOUR WITH JESUS
CRUCIFIED KING

1. READING

John 19:14-22, 28-30

It was the Day of Preparation, about the sixth hour. ***'Here is your king,'*** said Pilate to the Jews. But they shouted, 'Away with him, away with him, crucify him.' Pilate said, 'Shall I crucify your king?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king except Caesar.' So at that Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

They then took charge of Jesus, and carrying his own cross he went out to the Place of the Skull or, as it is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified him with two others, one on either side, Jesus being in the middle. Pilate wrote out a notice and had it fixed to the cross; it ran: ***'Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews'.*** This notice was read by many of the Jews, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the writing was in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. So the Jewish chief priests said to Pilate, 'You should not write "King of the Jews", but that the man said, "I am King of the Jews". ' Pilate answered, 'What I have written, I have written.'

After this, Jesus knew that everything had now been completed and, so that the scripture should be completely fulfilled, he said: I am thirsty.
A jar full of sour wine stood there; so, putting a sponge soaked in the wine on a hyssop stick, they held it up to his mouth. After Jesus had taken the wine he said, 'It is fulfilled'; and bowing his head he gave up his spirit.

2. READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message of the cross is folly for those who are on the way to ruin, ***but for those of us who are on the road to salvation it is the power of God.*** As scripture says:

I am going to destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to nothing the understanding of any who understand.

Where are the philosophers? Where are the experts? And where are the debaters of this age? Do you not see how God has shown up human wisdom as folly? Since in the wisdom of God the world was unable to recognise God through wisdom, it was God's own pleasure to save believers through the folly of the gospel. While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, we are preaching a crucified Christ: to the Jews an obstacle they cannot get over, to the gentiles foolishness***, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is both the power of God and the wisdom of God.*** God's folly is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

06.00 – 07.00
HOUR WITH JESUS
KING OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE

1. READING
Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot will spring from the stock of Jesse, a new shoot will grow from his roots. ***On him will rest the spirit of Yahweh, the spirit of wisdom and insight, the spirit of counsel and power, the spirit of knowledge and fear of Yahweh: his inspiration will lie in fearing Yahweh.*** His judgement will not be by appearances. his verdict not given on hearsay. He will judge the weak with integrity and give fair sentence for the humblest in the land. He will strike the country with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips bring death to the wicked. ***Uprightness will be the belt around his waist, and constancy the belt about his hips.*** The wolf will live with the lamb, the panther lie down with the kid, calf, lion and fat-stock beast together, with a little boy to lead them.

The infant will play over the den of the adder; the baby will put his hand into the viper's lair. No hurt, no harm will be done on all my holy mountain, for the country will be full of knowledge of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse, standing as a signal for the peoples, will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

2. READING
John 18:33-38a

So Pilate went back into the Praetorium and called Jesus to him and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'
Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others said it to you about me?'
Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?'
Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. As it is, my kingdom does not belong here.'
Pilate said, 'So, then you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'It is you who say that I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this, to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'
'Truth?' said Pilate. 'What is that?'

3. READING
Apocalypse 19:11-16

And now I saw heaven open, and a white horse appear; ***its rider was called Trustworthy and True; in uprightness he judges and makes war.***
His eyes were flames of fire, and he was crowned with many coronets; the name written on him was known only to himself, his cloak was soaked in blood. He is known by the name, The Word of God.

Behind him, dressed in linen of dazzling white, rode the armies of heaven on white horses. From his mouth came a sharp sword with which to strike the unbelievers; he is the one who will rule them with an iron sceptre, and tread out the wine of Almighty God's fierce retribution.
On his cloak and on his thigh a name was written: King of kings and Lord of lords.

11.00 –12.00
HOUR WITH JESUS
KING OF JOY

1. READING
Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!

Yahweh has repealed your sentence; he has turned your enemy away. Yahweh is king among you, Israel, you have nothing more to fear.

When that Day comes, the message for Jerusalem will be: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp.

Yahweh your God is there with you, the warrior-Saviour. He will rejoice over you with happy song,

he will renew you by his love, he will dance with shouts of joy for you, as on a day of festival.

2. READING
Luke 10:17-24

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Look, I have given you power to tread down serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. ***Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice instead that your names are written in heaven.'*** Just at this time, filled with joy by the Holy Spirit, he said, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to little children. Yes, Father, for that is what it has pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.'

Then turning to his disciples he spoke to them by themselves, ***'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see,*** for I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.'

3. READING

John 16:20-24

In all truth I tell you, you will be weeping and wailing while the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, ***but your sorrow will turn to joy.***
A woman in childbirth suffers, because her time has come; but when she has given birth to the child she forgets the suffering in her joy that a human being has been born into the world.
So it is with you: you are sad now, ***but I shall see you again, and your hearts will be full of joy, and that joy no one shall take from you.***
When that day comes, you will not ask me any questions. In all truth I tell you, anything you ask from the Father he will grant in my name.
Until now you have not asked anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and so your joy will be complete.

15.00 – 16.00
HOUR WITH JESUS
KING OF KINGS

1. READING

Revelation 1:4-8, 12-18

[…] grace and peace to you from him who is, who was, and who is to come, from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the highest of earthly kings. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a Kingdom of Priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

Look, he is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. Indeed this shall be so. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

I turned round to see who was speaking to me, and when I turned I saw […] one like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a belt of gold.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead, but he laid his right hand on me and said, ***'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and look -- I am alive for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of Hades.***

16.00 – 17.00
HOUR WITH JESUS
KING WHO IS TO COME

1. READING
Isaiah 25:6-10a

On this mountain, for all peoples, Yahweh Sabaoth is preparing a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of succulent food, of well-strained wines. On this mountain, he has destroyed the veil which used to veil all peoples, the pall enveloping all nations; he has destroyed death for ever. Lord Yahweh has wiped away the tears from every cheek; he has taken his people's shame away everywhere on earth, for Yahweh has spoken. And on that day, it will be said, ***'Look, this is our God, in him we put our hope that he should save us, this is Yahweh, we put our hope in him. Let us exult and rejoice since he has saved us.' For Yahweh's hand will rest on this mountain.***

2. READING
1 Corinthians 15:20-28

In fact, however, Christ has been raised from the dead, as the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. As it was by one man that death came, so through one man has come the resurrection of the dead. Just as all die in Adam, ***so in Christ all will be brought to life;*** but all of them in their proper order: Christ the first-fruits, and next, at his coming, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, having abolished every principality, every ruling force and power.

For he is to be king until he has made his enemies his footstool, and the last of the enemies to be done away with is death, *for he has put all things under his feet.* But when it is said everything is subjected, this obviously cannot include the One who subjected everything to him. When everything has been subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subjected to the One who has subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

3. READING

Revelation 22:12-17, 20-21

Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me, to repay everyone as their deeds deserve. ***I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.*** Blessed are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city. Others must stay outside: dogs, fortune-tellers, and the sexually immoral, murderers, idolaters, and everyone of false speech and false life.' I, Jesus, have sent my angel to attest these things to you for the sake of the churches. ***I am the sprig from the root of David and the bright star of the morning.***

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come!' Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

The one who attests these things says: I am indeed coming soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.