

“The King is Coming”

Revelation 1:4b-8

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. “Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

- Today is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the Christian year.
- The Kingdom of God can mean one of three things.
 - First, the Kingdom of God is the church here on earth.
 - Second, the Kingdom of God are the saints in heaven.
 - Third, the Kingdom of God is the coming new creation.
- We say that the Kingdom of God is already and not yet. (1 John 3:2)
- We are to be both working for and waiting for the Kingdom.
 - We work for the Kingdom with both hands: missions and evangelism.
 - We wait for the Kingdom knowing that it will only be truly complete when Jesus, the King, returns.
- Let us keep working and waiting for the Kingdom because the King is coming.