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Christ the King

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. I often ask myself: what does it mean that Jesus is my king. Even though our form of government does not include royalty, I can relate to the concept by analogy. A king is one who rules, guides, protects and is always looking out for what is best for his people. Jesus' model of leadership is not one of domination, but of service. As our king, He rules by being at the service of all of us, His people.

When we look at Him we see a model of care and devotion, I person who delights in being able to offer Himself for all of us. He invites us to do the same for others. As we enter the last week of our liturgical year and prepare for a new church year with the coming of Advent next Sunday, I hope that the Kingship of Jesus will continue to inspire us as it calls forth our good stewardship.

So often we do not understand how and why God is acting in our lives as God does. Why does the King seem to treat His subjects that He does at times? I for one ask: "What good can come from this or that event or tragedy?" I once found a wonderful poem which addresses this quandary very well. It's a poem by Cory Ten Boom (1892-1983). I share it today as we pledge our allegiance to Christ our King.

*My Life is But a Weaving
Between my God and me
I know not all the colors
God weaves so skillfully*

*Sometimes God weaves in sorrow
And I in foolish pride
Forget God sees the upper
And I the under side.*

*Not 'til the loom is silent
And shuttles cease to fly
Will God unfold the canvas
And explain the reason why*

*The dark threads are as needful
In the skillful weavers hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern God has planned*

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Have a great week.
