

Today is the last Sunday in our Church Liturgical Year. We celebrate the feast of Christ the King. As King, Christ does not take on the pomp and circumstance of a king; rather Christ as King is the compassionate and loving servant of all.

In the Gospel Matthew presents a ‘final judgment day’ scenario, where sheep and goats are separated according to their deeds. It underscores for us who we are called to be and how we are to act as Christ’s presence in our world.

We are to feed and give drink, to welcome and clothe, to care for and visit - those who are in need – wherever we meet them – for that is where Christ dwells. It is an invitation to give from our heart to the heart of another, as Christ would do.

Matthew’s ‘final judgment day’ scenario is not God’s judgment of us but rather it is our account of our lives, by the way we care for others.

Today, who needs your care, your kindness? How will you respond?

Let us pray that in all we do we may be mindful of our becoming the loving and compassionate presence of Christ the King in our world by the way we care for others.