



# Liturgy of the Word

*Readings for Sunday  
November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

## First Reading

*I will judge between sheep and sheep, between ram and goats.*

### Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (34:11-12. 15-17)

This is what the Lord God says: "I myself will go to look for my sheep and watch over them. Just as a shepherd watches over his flock when the sheep are scattered, so I will watch over my sheep and go for them to all the places where they were scattered on a day of fog and darkness. I myself will feed my sheep, I myself will make them rest, says the Lord God. I will look for the lost sheep and bring back the wayward one; I will heal the wound, I will strengthen the weak one, and the one who is fat and strong, I will take care of her. I will feed them righteously. As for you, my flock, behold, I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats." **Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.***

## Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 22

### **R. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

\* The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing; In green meadows he makes me rest and to quiet fountains he leads me to repair my strength. **R.**

\* You prepare the table for me, in spite of my adversaries; You anoint my head with perfume and fill my cup to the brim. **R.**

\* Your goodness and mercy will accompany me all the days of my life; and I will live in the house of the Lord for years without end. **R.**

## Second Reading

*Christ will give the Kingdom to His Father so that God will be all in all things.*

### Reading from the First Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (15:20-26, 28)

Brethren: Christ rose again, and rose again as the firstfruits of all the dead. For if death came by one man, then also by one man will come the resurrection of the dead. In fact, just as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will come back to life; But each one in his order: First Christ, as firstfruits; then, at the hour of his advent, they that are of Christ. Immediately it will be consummation, when, after having annihilated all the powers of evil, Christ will give the Kingdom to his Father. For he must reign until the Father puts under his feet all his enemies. →

The last of the enemies to be annihilated will be death. In the end, when everything has been submitted to Him, Christ Himself will submit to the Father, and so God will be all in all things.

**Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.***

## Reading of the Holy Gospel

*He will sit on his throne of glory and separate them from one another.*

### Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew (25, 31-46)

The Sheep and the Goats - "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

**Word of God. *Glory to you Lord Jesus.***