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Kingships and Kingdoms

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“You say that I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.”
(John 18:37a)

Kingships and Kingdoms

“The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.”
(Psalm 93:1)

...his crown, one of braided thorns,
...his robe stained bloody red,
Yet, he stands in regal royalty before Pilate.
The Son of Man stands alone.
...no support, no defense,
...no disciples, not even his Father.
Pilate, the judge, interrogates.

About Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND

Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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“Are you the King of the Jews?”
(John 18:33b)

Jesus responds, yet humbly holds the secret of his divinity.
He could have boldly and proudly proclaimed, *“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.”*(Rev 1:8)

He did not, for his was not a worldly kingdom.

He invites us to this kingdom, to embrace his truths,
not through wars and destruction led by the armies
of greed and power.

He tells us that he is building this Kingdom with the People of God.

...a people who belong to truth,
...a people who listen to his voice
...an evangelizing people.

These people are baptized in my name

and wave the banner of truth,
...by their thinking,
...by their actions of peace and justice,
...by their living faith, hope and charity.

Pilate,

...don't fear losing your power,
...don't worry about pleasing Herod,
...don't think Jesus will over take your Kingdom.

Jesus says truthfully, that his kingdom as already begun

...in the world, but it is not
...of the world.

For centuries my people's prayer, *“Thy Kingdom Come,”*
has already begun, and my *“dominion is an everlasting
dominion that shall not be takes away, (my) kingship
shall not be destroyed.”*(Daniel 7:14b)

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. “To be not of this world,” which of the gifts of the Holy Spirit do you need most?
2. How are you evangelizing for the Kingdom?
3. What is the difference of being reborn in Christ and belonging to the Prince of this world?
4. How might you answer Jesus' question, “Do you say this on your own, or have others told you about me?”

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5. Bible "truth" is defined as "truth is a road", "truth is something to be done", one must "be and walk in truth," (Madeline Beaumont). How does this Biblical definition differ from the ordinary meaning of truth?

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dion November 22, 2012 at 11:06 am



Julie,
Thank you again for your beautiful and thought-provoking poem/reflection on this great feast of Christ the King. I LOVE your work. Blessings. See you on Sunday.
Dion

REPLY

Mary Ann Burke November 22, 2012 at 2:02 pm



Hi Julie,
Happy Thanksgiving! and thanks a million for his meaningful writing on Christ the King. You do good work!

REPLY

Juliemarie McDonald November 23, 2012 at 12:35 pm



Dion, consider it a B-day gift for your life and ministry and support of all of us. May Christ always reign in your heart making you his lovely tabernacle.
Juliemarie

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Juliemarie McDonald November 23, 2012 at 12:37 pm



Mary Ann, happy, glorious feast of Christ our King. May he make his throne within your heart. Juliemarie

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