

Today is the last Sunday in our Liturgical Year, and as always we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. As a feast it conjures up images of royalty and thrones and honor – a far cry from what Jesus proclaimed.

For Jesus, his kingship is proclaimed through service and the cross.

In today's gospel we will hear Pilate question Jesus.

Are you a King? Where is your kingdom? What do your followers do?

Jesus states clearly that he came to testify to the truth – truth about God's love for all people. God is close to the brokenhearted, to the grieving, to the poor and lonely.

Where is Jesus Kingdom? Where Jesus reigns, faithfulness and justice reign; all are welcomed and valued, and forgiveness and compassion are the honor we bestow on one another.

As followers of Jesus, we are invited to celebrate and to live the virtues of this King.

Where in our lives today do we need to testify to the truth of God's love for all people? Where can we offer Christ's compassion and forgiveness?

Today, let us give thanks for the gift of Christ our King, who shows us the way to speak the truth with love and live the truth with compassionate care.