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Last Sunday in Ordinary Time
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, **Solemnity**
November 24, 2013

Collect:

Almighty, ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection:

On the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we are reminded through the Collect that God desires to restore the whole world to its original form through Jesus Christ. We pray that all of creation be restored, set free from slavery, so that we might ceaselessly give praise to God.

Slavery comes in many forms: slavery to possessions, slavery to sin, slavery to others, slavery to work, slavery to our self-interests. When we serve Christ our King, however, we are freed from slavery to the things of this world and our very lives become a sacrifice of praise to God. In other words, when we dedicate our lives to caring for creation, assisting those in need, seeking freedom for those bound by unjust systems, loving the least of those among us, we give unceasing praise to God.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you are Christ, our Savior and King. Embolden us to leave behind those things that enslave us and free us to serve you alone.

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