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## THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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Daily Devotion at Zion + July 2022 AD + *The Season of Pentecost*

## **Adoring the King of Kings**

*. . . He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. (Ephesians 1:20-21)*

To celebrate Independence Day is to celebrate a rule and authority that has achieved something significant in this world: the ability to safeguard a land and culture for the good of its people. This exercise of just rule is a blessing from the hand of God for which we give due thanks and praise.

At the same time, we remember that there is a Lord above every power on earth and in heaven: our Lord Jesus Christ, the almighty, the blessed one, risen from the dead. As many have pointed out, the whole project of America, as conceived at its founding, rests on the belief that there is higher authority than any government. This higher authority is the God who has endowed His creatures with inalienable rights, and He is the One who raised Jesus.

Devotion to Jesus exercises this faith and conviction. It keeps our priorities in order, and militates against tyranny by committing our hearts and minds, not to the news of the day, but to the Good News of Him whose reign endures forever.

## **About the Cover Art**

Inscribed in Greek, the icon on the front cover declares: “Jesus Christ, the king of kings . . . .” It portrays Him wearing the robes of the emperors of the old Roman (Byzantine) empire, thus declaring that Jesus is even greater than they are and the true occupant of their office. In place of the traditional orb, scepter, or sword of most imperial regalia, He holds an open book of Scripture while His free hand stretches in the customary manner of blessing a congregation. He governs us with spiritual might, the strength of His Word and Spirit.

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 4 (July 3)

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| <b>S</b> Ecclesiastes 6:1-12<br>Acts 10:9-23<br>Luke 12:32-40            | <b>Th</b> Ecclesiastes 11:1-8<br>Galatians 5:16-24<br>Matthew 16:13-20   |
| <b>M</b> Ecclesiastes 7:1-14<br>Galatians 4:12-20<br>Matthew 12:21-28    | <b>F</b> Ecclesiastes 11:9—<br>12:14<br>Galatians 5:25—6:10<br>Matthew 16:21-28                                    |
| <b>T</b> Ecclesiastes 8:14—9:10<br>Galatians 4:21-31<br>Matthew 15:29-39 | <b>Sa</b> Numbers 3:1-13<br>Galatians 6:11-18<br>Matthew 17:1-13   |
| <b>W</b> Ecclesiastes 9:11-18<br>Galatians 5:1-15<br>Matthew 16:1-12     | <i><b>These readings (after Sunday) correspond to pages 126–155 in Volume IV of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</b></i> |

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 5 (July 10)

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| <b>S</b> Numbers 6:22-27<br>Acts 13:1-<br>Luke 12:41-48                    | <b>Th</b> Numbers 12:1-16<br>Romans 2:12-24<br>Matthew 18:10-20                                     |
| <b>M</b> Numbers 9:15-23;<br>10:29-36<br>Romans 1:1-15<br>Matthew 17:14-21 | <b>F</b> Numbers 13:1-3, 21-30<br>Romans 2:25—3:8<br>Matthew 18:21-35                               |
| <b>T</b> Numbers 11:1-23<br>Romans 1:16-25<br>Matthew 17:22-27             | <b>Sa</b> Numbers 13:31—14:25<br>Romans 3:9-20<br>Matthew 19:1-12                                   |
| <b>W</b> Numbers 11:24-35<br>Romans 1:28—2:11<br>Matthew 18:1-9            | <i><b>These readings correspond to pages 156—191 in Volume IV of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</b></i> |

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 6 (July 17)

<b>S</b> Numbers 14:26-45 Acts 15:1-12 Luke 12:49-56	<b>Th</b> Numbers 17:1-11 Romans 5:1-11 Matthew 20:17-28
<b>M</b> Numbers 16:1-19 Romans 3:21-31 Matthew 19:13-22	<b>F</b> Numbers 20:1-13 Romans 5:12-21 Matthew 20:29-34
<b>T</b> Numbers 16:20-35 Romans 4:1-12 Matthew 19:23-30	<b>Sa</b> Numbers 20:14-29 Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 21:1-11
<b>W</b> Numbers 16:36-50 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 20:1-16	<i>These readings correspond to pages 192-224 in Volume IV of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i>

### Daily Readings for the Week of Pentecost 7 (July 24)

<b>S</b> Numbers 21:4-9, 21-35 Acts 17:12-34 Luke 13:10-17	<b>Th</b> Numbers 23:11-26 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 22:1-14
<b>M</b> Numbers 22:1-21 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 21:12-22	<b>F</b> Numbers 24:1-13 Romans 8:12-17 Matthew 22:15-22
<b>T</b> Numbers 22:21-38 Romans 7:1-12 Matthew 21:23-32	<b>Sa</b> Numbers 24:12-25 Romans 8:18-25 Matthew 22:23-40
<b>W</b> Numbers 22:41—23:12 Romans 7:13-25 Matthew 21:33-46	<i>These readings correspond to pages 225-262 in Volume IV of <u>For All the Saints</u>.</i>