

Diocese of New Westminster

## November 22, 2015 Reign of Christ

## John 18: 33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "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. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."



# Draw near to God

#### COLLECT:

You who are, who were, who are to come, before whose judgement all fades away that is not love: save us from the violence that seeks to claim our hearts so we might hear a different voice and belong to you in truth, through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all. Amen.

From Prayers for an Inclusive Church

## **REFLECTION TIME**

- 1. What does this passage say to the church?
- 2. What is the new stewardship paradigm that Jesus describes to Pilate?
- 3. What does this passage say to you?
- 4. What does Jesus mean when he says that he came into the world to testify to the truth?
- 5. What is this truth that Jesus speaks about and what does it mean for our stewardship practice?
- Are there any changes in your life as a Good Steward that the passage encourages you to make to draw nearer to God?

Praying, Working, Sharing, Studying, Playing in The Benedictine Way of Stability, Obedience and Conversion