

November 26, 2021

Good Morning All,

1. Today's Readings: [Friday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Another kingly icon that we have in our church is that of King David. He is an Old Testament figure well-known to most people. He is both a prefigurement and a forerunner of Jesus.

David wrote Psalms 3 to 9, 11 to 32, 34 to 41, 68 to 70, 51 to 65, 101, 86, 103, 108 to 110, 124, 122, 133, 131 and 138 to 145. He wrote a total of 73 Psalms. Source: <https://www.reference.com/world-view/were-psalms-were-written-king-david>

3. Quotes of the Day: King David Psalms

~"Answer me when I call my saving God. When troubles hem me in, set me free; take pity on me, hear my prayer." *Psalm 4:2*

~"Then all who trust in you will be glad and forever shout for joy. You will protect them and those will rejoice in you who love your name. For you, LORD, bless the just one; you surround him with favor like a shield." *Psalm 5:12-13*

~"O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth! I will sing of your majesty above the heavens with the mouths of babes and infants. You have established a bulwark against your foes, to silence enemy and avenger. When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you set in place--What is man that you are mindful of him, and a son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him little less than a god, crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, put all things at his feet: All sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth!" *Psalm 8:2-10*

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David, the King and Prophet

The Prophet King David was the son of Jesse of the tribe of Judah. He was a shepherd and psalm writer, who, for his fervent faith and courage in God, challenged the giant Goliath of the Philistines to single battle and defeated him with just three smooth stones from his sling, and the almighty power of the Living God in Whose honor and glory David fought. Saul, the first king of Israel, asked David to play his harp for him to soothe him, but later became jealous of David and spent years trying to kill him.

God took the kingdom of Israel away from King Saul because of his lack of faithful service to Him and gave it to David through the Prophet Samuel. King David ruled for many years in Israel and fought many battles to preserve Israel's kingdom, but because his hands were bloody from these battles and other imperfections, God would not allow David to build Him a Temple, but reserved this for his son, King Solomon. King David was the ancestor of Jesus Christ according to the flesh (Matt 1:6, Luke 3:31). Most of the Book of Psalms is attributed to this mighty and faithful warrior of God, who remained a simple poet at heart.

David's life prefigures the power, wisdom, and earthly arrival of Christ. God's choosing David as king before Saul's reign had ended mirrors Christ bringing a new order to the world. God's support of David in battle reflects Christ's power on earth. David also once danced, rejoicing and in a state of undress before the Ark of the Covenant. This image is repeated in the New Testament when John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother's womb when he encountered the unborn Jesus within the New Ark, the Theotokos.

David was only human and committed many sins, but he always recognized his guilt and confessed his sins before God. God said, "I will raise up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will prepare his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish his throne forever" (2 Kgd. 7:12-13).

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God refers not only to David's son and successor Solomon, and his building of the Temple, but also points to the "kingdom" established by Christ, who would be born of David's line.

In our icon, David wears the gold crown and his red and blue-purple robes of a king. He is also shown as a Psalmist with one of his writings. His eyes are raised, showing his devotion to God.

Sources: russianicon.com, legacyicons.com and orthodoxgifts.com