

Daily Morning Message
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Lectionary Readings

Psalm 126
Jeremiah 23:9-15
Hebrews 7:1-10

Today's Scripture Verse:

This "King Melchizedek of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham as he was returning from defeating the kings and blessed him"; and to him Abraham apportioned "one-tenth of everything" His name, in the first place, means "king of righteousness"; next he is also king of Salem, that is, "king of peace." (Hebrews 7:1-2)

What it means:

Chapter 7 is the author of Hebrews' somewhat bizarre rationale for calling Jesus Christ "a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." His reference is to one historic moment when Abraham met King Melchizedek of Salem and gave him a tithe. This king, virtually unknown to history except for that one encounter, becomes a symbol in Hebrews for the everlasting priesthood of Christ. The reasoning given is purely speculative fantasy, but out of it the author creates an elaborate way to depict the story of Christ's sacrificial ministry of salvation

Reflection:

Thanks be to you, O Christ, in whom we have the assurance of a salvation that is created by a single gift of sacrificial love.

