



SON OF DAVID, SON OF GOD

TODAY'S GOSPEL PRESENTS JESUS discussing with the scribes (the Jewish teachers of the Law of Moses) about the person of "the Christ" (Greek *Christos*, Hebrew *Mashiach*, meaning "anointed one"). In Jewish thought, the Messiah is generally understood not as a divine savior figure, but as a future human leader descended from King David who will bring peace, justice, and restoration to the world. This expectation comes from passages like 2 Samuel 7:12-16, Isaiah 9:6-7 and Jeremiah 23:5. Jesus agrees with the scribes' claim that the Messiah is David's son. God promised David that one of his descendants would reign forever (2 Samuel 7). Because of this, later Jewish expectation looked for a future king from David's line who would restore Israel.

But we see tension in the Gospel reading. Jesus himself asks how the Messiah can be David's son if King David calls him "Lord" (Psalm 110:1). "*The Lord says to my lord,*" is a polite form of address of an inferior to a superior. Jesus takes the psalmist to be David and hence the "LORD" refers to God and "my lord" refers to the Messiah, who must be greater than David. This suggests the Messiah is greater than a mere descendant of David.

Judaism in general rejects Jesus as the Messiah, much less the Christian belief that Jesus is of divine origin. But Christian belief insists that Jesus is **Son of David**—fully human, heir to David's throne—and **Divine Messiah**—fully divine and eternal Savior.

Fr. Gil Alinsangan, SSP

This means that the Messiah is not merely a king, but God acting through and in human history.

St. Paul from whom have the earliest Christian documents—his letters were earlier than the Gospels—gives us the summary of Christian belief: Jesus is descended from David according to the flesh, and declared Son of God in power through resurrection from the dead (Rom 1:3-4).

Many in Israel expected a political liberator, but Christians believe Jesus revealed a deeper mission: saving humanity from sin and death.

The New Testament portrays Jesus not only as Messiah, but as divine:

- He forgives sins (a divine prerogative).
- He accepts worship.
- He speaks of unique unity with God the Father.
- Gospel of John identifies him as the eternal Word made

flesh (Jn 1:1,14).

- His resurrection is seen as vindication of his divine identity.

There is a traditional Advent hymn, sung during the weeks leading up to Christmas. Its title is "**O Come, Divine Messiah.**" It expresses longing for the coming of Jesus Christ as Savior and Light of the world.

O come, divine Messiah! / The world in silence waits the day.

When hope shall sing its triumph, / And sadness flee away.

Dear Savior, haste! / Come, come to earth.

Dispel the night and show your face, / And bid us hail the dawn of grace.

The song isn't only about Christ's birth long ago. He is the divine Messiah and Savior who saved his people from their sins by his passion, death, and resurrection. It also asks Christ to come into our lives now, bringing peace, healing, and light today. And at the end of the age, he will come again to judge the living and the dead.



THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. See Phil 2: 30)

(Recited when there is no opening song.)

This Saint went as far as death, handing over his life to destruction for the work of Christ.

Greeting

(The sign of the cross is made here.)

P—The Lord be with you.

All—And with your spirit.

Introduction

(These [or similar words] may be used to address the assembly.)

P—On this first Friday of the month, on the memorial of the martyr St. Boniface, Jesus tells the crowd that he is the Messiah coming from the lineage of David, but he is far greater, for indeed he is of divine origin. Thus, through the inspired psalm, the great king David addresses him as “Lord.” May we draw close to Jesus, our divine Messiah and Savior.

Penitential Act

P—Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. *(Pause)*

P—Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All—For we have sinned against you.

P—Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

All—And grant us your salvation.

P—May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All—Amen.

P—Lord, have mercy.

All—Lord, have mercy.

P—Christ, have mercy.

All—Christ, have mercy.

P—Lord, have mercy.

All—Lord, have mercy.

Collect

P—Let us pray. *(Pause)*

May the Martyr Saint Boniface be our advocate, O Lord, that we may firmly hold the faith he taught with his lips and sealed in his blood and confidently profess it by our deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All—Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD



Reading (2 Tm 3:10-17) *(Sit)*

Paul reminds Timothy that those who want to live religiously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. He advises him to draw strength from Scriptures, the inspired word of God.

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

YOU HAVE FOLLOWED my teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, persecutions that I endured. Yet from all these things the Lord delivered me. In fact, all who want to live religiously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

But wicked people and charlatans will go from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But you, remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

—The word of the Lord.

All—Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 119)

R—O LORD, great peace have they who love your law.

1. Though my persecutors and my foes are many, I turn not away from your decrees. **(R)**

2. Permanence is your word's chief trait; each of your just ordinances is everlasting. **(R)**

3. Princes persecute me without cause but my heart stands in awe of your word. **(R)**

4. Those who love your law have great peace, and for them there is no stumbling block. **(R)**

5. I wait for your salvation, O LORD, and your commands I fulfill. **(R)**

6. I keep your precepts and your decrees, for all my ways are before you. **(R)**

Alleluia (14:23) *(Stand)*

All—Alleluia, alleluia. Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel (Mk 12: 35-37)

P—A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

All—Glory to you, O Lord.

AS JESUS was teaching in the temple area he said,

“How do the scribes claim that the Christ is the son of David?

David himself, inspired by the Holy Spirit, said:

The Lord said to my lord, ‘Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your feet.’

David himself calls him ‘lord’; so how is he his son?”

The great crowd heard this with delight.”

—The Gospel of the Lord.

All—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily *(Sit)*

Prayer of the Faithful

P—Jesus is the son of David but is greater than David because he is also the Son of God, born of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us call upon Jesus, our Messiah and king.

R—Lord, save your people.

C—Lord Jesus, Son of David, save us from sin and whatever oppresses us. We pray: **(R)**

C—You are the Immanuel, God-with-us; be with us as we face the travails of life and deliver us from all distress. We pray: **(R)**

C—Strengthen the weak, comfort the sorrowful, and pardon sinners. We pray: **(R)**

C—Help us recover our inner vitality, our dreams, our enthusiasm, and our optimism. Let us hear the words you once addressed to the paralyzed man: “Arise and walk!” We pray: **(R)**

C—To our brothers and sisters who were faithful and believed in our resurrection, give the joys and blessings of the life to come. We pray: **(R)**

P—Gracious God, you sent your Beloved Son that he might lift us up to you. In him, with him, and through him may we glorify you in communion with the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **All—Amen.**

LITURGY OF
THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts

P—Pray, brethren...
All—May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings
(Stand)

P—As we commemorate the martyrdom of blessed Boniface, O Lord, we make our offerings at your altar, praying that we, who celebrate the mysteries of our Lord’s Passion, may imitate what we now do.
Through Christ our Lord.
All—Amen.

Preface I *(Holy Martyrs)*

P—The Lord be with you.
All—And with your spirit.
P—Lift up your hearts.
All—We lift them up to the Lord.

P—Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All—It is right and just.

P—It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For the blood of your blessed Martyr Boniface, poured out like Christ’s to glorify your name, shows forth your marvelous works, by which in our weakness you perfect your power and on the feeble bestow strength to bear you witness, through Christ our Lord.

And so, with the Powers of heaven, we worship you constantly on earth, and before your majesty without end we acclaim:

All—Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (Kneel)

Acclamation *(Stand)*

All—We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord’s Prayer

All—Our Father...
P—Deliver us...
All—For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Invitation to Peace

Invitation to Communion
(Kneel)

P—Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
All—Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon
(Mk 8: 35)

Whoever loses his life for the sake of the Gospel will save it, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion
(Stand)

P—Let us pray. *(Pause)*
As we celebrate the heavenly banquet, we beseech you, Lord, that, in following such a great example of faith, we may be encouraged by the remembrance of the blessed Martyr Boniface and led on by his gracious intercession.
Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P—The Lord be with you.
All—And with your spirit.

Prayer over the People

P—Bow down for the blessing. *(Pause)*

May God, the glory and joy of the Saints, who has caused you to be strengthened by means of their outstanding prayers, bless you with unending blessings.
All—Amen.

P—Freed through their intercession from present ills and formed by the example of their holy way of life, may you be ever devoted to serving God and your neighbor.
All—Amen.

P—So that, together with all, you may possess the joys of the homeland, where Holy Church rejoices that her children are admitted in perpetual peace to the company of the citizens of heaven.
All—Amen.

P—And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, (†) and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
All—Amen.

Dismissal

P—The Mass has been offered. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
All—Thanks be to God.



PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Divine Jesus, you have said, "Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you," behold me kneeling at your feet, filled with a lively faith and confidence in the promises dictated by your Sacred Heart and pronounced by your adorable lips. I come to ask this favor: *(Here silently mention your petitions.)*

To whom can I turn if not to you whose Heart is the source of all graces and merits? Where should I seek if not in the treasure which contains all the riches of your kindness and mercy? Where should I knock if not at the door through which God gives himself to us and through which we go to God? I have recourse to you, Heart of Jesus. In you I find consolation when afflicted, protection when

persecuted, strength when burdened with trials, and light in doubt and darkness.

Dear Jesus, I firmly believe that you can grant me the grace I implore, even though it should require a miracle. You have only to will it, and my prayer will be granted. I admit that I am most unworthy of your favors, but this is not a reason for me to be discouraged. You are the God of mercy and you will not refuse a contrite heart. Cast upon me a look of mercy, I beg of you, and your kind Heart will find in my miseries and weaknesses a reason for granting my prayers.

O Sacred Heart, whatever may be your decision with regard to my request, I will never stop adoring, loving, praising, and serving you. My Jesus, be pleased to accept this my act of perfect resignation to the decrees of your adorable Heart which I sincerely desire may be fulfilled by me and by all your creatures forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I know that there is but one thing impossible to you: to be without pity for those who are suffering or in distress. Look upon me, I beg of you, dear Jesus, and grant me the grace for which I humbly implore you through the Immaculate Heart of your most sorrowful Mother. You have entrusted me to her as her child, and her prayers are all-powerful with you. Amen.

DO YOU WANT TO SUBSCRIBE TO SAMBUHAY DIGITAL MISSALETTE?

For inquiries and orders:

FB: Sambuhay Missalette

GMAIL: Sambuhay@stpauls.ph

TEL.: (02) 8895-9701

TO SHOP ONLINE VISIT:
 www.stpauls.ph

Bibles • Religious books • The Youngster • Hālo • Sambuhay • Pandasal
• 365 Days with the Lord • Simbahay • Religious Articles
• Altar and Church Vestments