



Wednesday Prayer

Christ the King Sunday – What of crowns, glitter and makeup?

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 does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to 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.” John 18:33-37

Today is Trans Day of Remembrance. The Trans Remembrance Project uses this day to lift up, honor and remember the lives and deaths of trans people. To be honest, I’m going to let you do the work of how this day connects to our Gospel lesson for this coming Sunday. Instead, I’m going to share some of the eloquent words in this Eulogy for Trans Lives: [Domestic List — Trans Remembrance Project](#).

*“Where do we go for comfort when the unthinkable, the unimaginable, has happened?
We come together.”*

“Some of the people we lost were performers who used glitter and makeup to perform gender. Others poured soup and drinks like concrete to build the foundations of their community, making us stronger as we learned how to lean on each other for nourishment and support. They knitted neighborhoods out of the thinnest threads of hope. These are the people we cherished. These are the people who shared their art with us, and we learned joy by following their joy.”

Trans and non-binary young people are facing over 500 anti-queer and anti-trans bills introduced this year, and while they continue to stand strong and organize for change, great fear is being instilled from within our government and yes, within The Church. As people of faith, let us join in solidarity to learn more and take action to protect trans youth. For every life on this list, there are countless others who are bullied, exploited, trafficked, and killed for living into their true identity. In this [80-second Instagram post](#), this young person includes “demonized every single Sunday” as a part of their experience. Jesus’ kingdom looks like love, not hate. Here’s a resource to get started in learning more and taking action in your community: [Transgender Media | GLAAD](#).

Jesus, you came into the world to bring love. Guide us in the challenging work of learning and then speaking into the truth of your love for all, truly for all. Amen.

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