

Today's readings are a call to self-examination.

In the first reading we hear how God chooses the "*humble and lowly*" and even Jesus admonishes the "*chief priests and leaders of the people*" that "*tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the Kingdom of God before [them].*"

There is a tendency for us to take on the vision of the culture in judging people and ourselves.

Money, success ... power, prestige ... image and many other transitory things are the current measure for determining how one stands.

Yet God judges us according to our heart. God desires that we repent ... turn back to Him ... and place our trust in Him.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ ... let us pray for a deeper reliance on God's grace, love, and mercy in our lives.

In 9 days we will be at Christmas; the birth of Our Savior. Are we ready to be saved?