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Look, your king will come to you. He is righteous and a helper.
Zechariah 9,9 (CEB)

The King's extended arm

It is quite a challenge in our days to cope with this image of a king, described by the prophet Zechariah for this first week of Advent. For today kings are an anachronism, not up to date, not modern any more. We talk about presidents, federal chancellors, sometimes perhaps about a dictator. But a real king, one from whom we can expect righteousness and help? That was different in the time of Jesus. There was the memory of the "good King David" in people's minds, even if he was not altogether good until the end, but he was successful and popular. And there were the actual kings: They were vassals commissioned by the Romans as, for instance, Herod, and above them the Augustus, the Roman Emperor, an absolute ruler, who thought of himself as a God. That made the image of the Zechariah-book timely and real. It was a contra-image to the kings of those days.
But how is it today?

We in Germany cannot expect justice to be introduced by a king. We live in a democracy, and justice is our own responsibility. We should be grateful for that. For, wherever in our world dictators and tyrants reign, and corrupt systems distribute the power among themselves, the underprivileged people's dream of a king who will reign with justice and help them to their rights is still attractive. Many of these people are forced to flee from their homes and find a new place to live, perhaps in Europe.

However, a democracy is only as strong as those who stand up for and demand their rights, who maintain public welfare and care for one another. We as Christians have an important obligation. Because we are actually the extended arm of this wonderful king who has come into our World in Jesus Christ as we believe. We are his arm which he wants to use to distribute his benefits in our world.

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I GIVE THANKS

- For all people in politics and society who engage themselves for justice and peace.
- For our Grundgesetz /German Constitution/ and the democratic basic order by which we live
- For all Christians in our world who engage themselves courageously for our rights to help build a bit of the Kingdom of God on earth right now.

MY PRAYER IS

- For all people who have to flee from their homes, because they have no possibilities to live, and who are persecuted due to injustice.
- For all people who have responsibility and act according to their Christian responsibility.
- For our politicians, men and women.
- That the longing for a world filled with peace and justice will seize people and bring them to act.

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