

Sunday, May 12, 2024
The Ascension of the Lord

Prayer for the Morning

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: let us praise the God of our salvation!

Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia

Hymn

Meter: CM

How sweet, how heavenly is the sight,
When those that love the Lord
In one another's peace delight,
And so fulfill his Word!
When each can feel his brother's sigh
And with him bear a part;
When sorrow flows from eye to eye,
And joy from heart to heart!

Psalm

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Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are.

(Jn 17:11)

In the risen Christ, divided humanity is remade into one Body. Let us so live and love that the world around us can see and long for this unity into which we have been baptized and anointed with the oil of gladness.

How good and how pleasant it is,
when brothers live in unity!
It is like precious oil upon the head
running down upon the beard,
running down upon Aaron's beard
upon the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon which falls
on the heights of Zion.
For there the Lord gives his blessing,
life for ever.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

John 17:20-23

I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the

world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

Canticle of Zechariah

I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them. (Jn 17:26)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

Intercessions

With one heart and one voice, let us pray:

R Make all your people one!

For the Church, – that we may grow in oneness of mind and heart in all things. **R**

For those who toil for peace among persons, races, and nations, – that they may be rewarded with the joy of seeing true unity in Christ. **R**

For those who long for reconciliation among the divided, – that their yearning may find expression in the works of love. **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

O God, Three in One, gather into unity all whom sin has divided, that we may live as one humanity in Jesus Christ through the mystery of the cross. Who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Reading 1 **Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

Reading 2 **Ephesians 1:17-23**

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope

that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Gospel **Mark 16:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God’s commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God’s will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family’s salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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