

Sunday, May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prayer for the Morning

*Come, let us sing praise in the joy of the Lord,
alleluia!*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia

Hymn **Meter: CM**

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
Redemption's only spring;
Creator of the world art thou,
Its Savior and its King.
How vast the mercy and the love
Which laid our sins on thee,
And led thee to a cruel death
To set thy people free.
But now the bonds of death are burst,
The ransom has been paid;
And thou art on thy Father's throne
In glorious robes arrayed.
O may thy mighty love prevail
Our sinful souls to spare;
O may we come before thy throne,
And find acceptance there!
O Christ, be thou our present joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory may it be
To glory in the Lord.

Psalm **30:5-13**

Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. (1 Pt 4:13)

In baptism, we are plunged into the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. While this enables us to live and reign with him for ever in heaven, it also ensures that we will suffer and die with him before such a resurrection. No one really enjoys suffering, but for the faithful Christian, what is most important is that we live the life of Christ himself in whatever our own circumstances may be.

**Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favor through life.**

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. I said to myself in my good fortune: "Nothing will ever disturb me."

Your favor had set me on a mountain fastness, then you hid your face and I was put to confusion. To you, Lord, I cried, to my God I made appeal: "What profit would my death be, my going to the grave?

Can dust give you praise or proclaim your truth?" The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

So my soul sings psalms to you unceasingly. O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God **Romans 5:3-5**

We even boast of our -afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us.

If we persevere/ we shall also reign with him.

(2 Tm 2:12)

Canticle of Zechariah

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

(1 Pt 4:14)

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

Let us pray in the joy of Christ:

R/Listen, ascended Lord, and come to our help!

For all who suffer resentfully: grant them the peace of the Spirit. **R/**

For all who suffer without any sense of meaning: grant them the light of the Spirit. **R/**

For all who suffer in communion with you: grant them perseverance in the Spirit. **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

God of glory and majesty, you deliver our suffering from senselessness by enabling us to participate in the saving work of Christ. Infuse us with the joy of the Spirit in all the circumstances of life, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Reading 1 Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Reading 2 1Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer.

But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

Gospel John 17:1-11a

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

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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