

**Sunday, August 21, 2022**  
**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Prayer for the Morning**

*Christ leads us through the narrow gate: let us give thanks and praise!*

*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: 87 87 D**

Heedless soul of mine, bethink thee  
Ere thine hours on earth are past—  
Ere thou fly to spirit-regions,  
If thou reà treasure has.  
Where will be thine endless dwelling?  
Where thine everlasting home?  
What thy portion, joy or mourning,  
In the world beyond the tomb?  
When these eyes shall lose their luster—  
Fading with the failing breath,  
And roll, lightless, in the conflict,  
With inexorable death;  
How will thou survive the anguish—  
How sustain all earthly loss,  
If thou know not the Redeemer,  
If thou cling not to his cross?

**Psalm 1**

*Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. (Lk 13:24)*

*Jesus warns that all are invited to feast in God's kingdom, but not all will choose to come. The gate is narrow, the road is hard, and we are sometimes tempted to sit at home in comfort and dine at the table of our own will rather than make the attempt. Let us pray for the grace to accept Jesus' call to us to become good and faithful disciples, walking in his ways..*

Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night.  
He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;

and all that he does shall prosper.  
Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind.  
When the wicked are judged they shall not stand,  
nor find room among those who are just;  
for the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

Glory to the Father...

**Word of God** **Deuteronomy 30:19-20a**

I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the Lord, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him.

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord/in the land of the living. (cf. Ps 116:9)*

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*You will show me the path of life,/ the fullness of joy in your presence,/ at your right hand happiness for ever. (cf. Ps 16:11)*

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

As we make the choices that will shape our lives today, we pray:

**R/ Show us the path of life!**

When we are faced with difficult decisions: **R/**

When we struggle to choose your priorities rather than our own: **R/**

When we lose the way: **R/**

## **Personal intentions**

**Our Father....**

*God of light and life, you sent us your Son to show us the way to you. Let us walk by his light and follow your word, that we may one day dwell with you for ever in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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## Reading 1

Isaiah 66:18-21

Thus says the Lord: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them; from them I will send fugitives to the nations: to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the Lord in clean vessels. Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the Lord.

## Reading 2

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters, You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children: "My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord/ or lose heart when reproved by him;/ for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines;/ he scourges every son he acknowledges."/ Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time,

all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it. So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjoined but healed.

## Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from.' And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

## **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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