

**Sunday, August 25, 2024**  
**Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Prayer for the Morning**

*Christ is the love of God made manifest for us: come, let us adore him!*

**Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia**

**Hymn**

**Meter: SM**

O taste and you will see  
The goodness of the Lord:  
Humanity, divinity,  
The Body and the Blood.  
God fed his wand'ring fold  
With manna from the sky.  
Much better This than bread of old—  
We eat and never die.  
Elijah once was fed  
When he could walk no more.  
An angel brought to him that bread—  
The angels This adore.  
For those who would be filled,  
This Food is Life indeed.  
To give it, Life himself was killed,  
And we from death are freed.  
O, worthy is the Lamb,  
The slain and risen Lord,  
The son of Mary, God and man,  
Our Eucharist adored.

**Psalm** **105:1-5, 8-9, 40-43**

*No one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. (Eph 5:29-30)*

*God has demonstrated his unswerving love for his people down through the centuries. How, then, can we doubt his promise that Christ nourishes and cherishes us, the Church, his people, members of his own Body, whom he feeds with his own life? And how can we not love in return?*

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
O sing to him, sing his praise;  
tell all his wonderful works!  
Be proud of his holy name,  
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.  
Consider the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, the judgments he spoke.  
He remembers his covenant for ever,  
his promise for a thousand generations,  
the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac.  
When they asked for food he sent quails;  
he filled them with bread from heaven.  
He pierced the rock to give them water;  
it gushed forth in the desert like a river.  
For he remembered his holy word,  
which he gave to Abraham his servant.  
So he brought out his people with joy,  
his chosen ones with shouts of rejoicing.

Glory to the Father...

**Word of God** **1 John 4:9-10**

In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*We love because he first loved us. (1 Jn 4:19)*

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

Beloved by God, members of Christ, we pray:

**R/Hear us, O Lord!**

For all married couples: make them strong witnesses of your love for your people. **R/**

For all who do not know your love for them: let them see you in the love of others. **R/**

For all whom you have nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ: let them live the love they have received from you. **R/ Personal intentions**

**Our Father....**

*God of love, you sent us your only Son as the gift of life. Reawaken in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love, that we may bear faithful witness to the truth of the Gospel and the power of your Word, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen*

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**Reading 1** Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods. For it was the Lord, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

**Reading 2** Ephesians 5:21-32

Brothers and sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is -subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of

water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body./ For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother/ and be joined to his wife,/ and the two shall become one flesh./ This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

**Gospel** John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

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### **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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