

**SUNDAY, July 11, 2021**  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Prayer for the Morning**

God has chosen us in Christ: 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**

In your mercy, Lord, you called me,  
Taught my sinful heart and mind,  
Else this world had still enthralled me,  
And to glory kept me blind.  
Lord, I did not freely choose you  
Till by grace you set me free;  
For my heart would still refuse you  
Had your love not chosen me.  
Now my heart sets none above you,  
For your grace alone I thirst,  
Knowing well, that if I love you,  
You, O Lord, have loved me first.

**Psalm** **139: 1-3, 13-15, 23-24**

*In him we were also chosen so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ.* (cf. Eph 1:11-12)

*Just as he called the Apostles and sent them out on mission, Jesus has called each of us to serve his Father in a special way. Let us pray for the openness to accept these graces, to encounter Christ in Word and sacrament, and to greet him with the praise of his glory.*

O Lord, you search me and you know me,  
you know my resting and my rising,  
you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or lie down,  
all my ways lie open to you.  
For it was you who created my being,  
knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
for the wonders of all your creation.  
Already you knew my soul,  
my body held no secret from you  
when I was being fashioned in secret  
and molded in the depths of the earth.  
O search me, God, and know my heart.

O test me and know my thoughts.  
See that I follow not the wrong path  
and lead me in the path of life eternal.

Glory to the Father

**Word of God** **2 Thessalonians 2:13-14**

We ought to give thanks to God for you always, brothers loved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in truth. To this end he has [also] called you through our gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. (cf. Eph 1:4)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace.* (Eph 1:7)

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

In Christ, we are blessed with abundant reasons to give praise. In gratitude, we pray:

**R/**We give you thanks, O Lord.

For calling us to holiness in Christ: **R/**

For Word and sacrament, through which you make it possible for us to live according to our call: **R/**

For the hope of eternal life: **R/**

### **Personal intentions**

#### **Our Father....**

God and giver of all good gifts, you fill us to -overflowing with gifts of grace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Enlarge our hearts to welcome him with grateful praise into every aspect of our lives, and to serve him in -fidelity and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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#### Reading 1

**Amos 7:12-15**

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, “Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again -prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king’s sanctuary and a royal -temple.” Amos answered Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The Lord took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, -prophesy to my people Israel.”

#### Reading 2

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times,

to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s possession, to the praise of his glory.

#### Gospel

**Mark 6: 7-13**

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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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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