

SUNDAY, July 25, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prayer for the Morning

In Christ is our peace: come, let us adore him!

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: 65 65 D

Jesus, Priest and Victim
For our ransom given,
Sent us by the Father
As a Gift from heaven;
Purchasing salvation
Once on Calvary,
Thou still bidest with us
In this mystery.
Here, thyself thou givest
As a living Food
E'en thy very Godhead
With thy Flesh and Blood.
Thou hast bid us gladly
Of this Bread partake,
That thou mayest fill us
With thy life and grace.
Oh, we beg thee, Jesus,
Ever be our Bread,
That our hearts' deep hunger
By thee may be fed.
May this pledge of glory
In thy goodness given
Lead us to behold thee
In the bliss of heaven.

Psalm 81: 2-4, 6b-8a, 11, 14-17

Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace. (cf. Eph 4:3)

God strengthens us with the finest wheat, Christ himself, the sacrament of unity, that we may walk in the ways of mutual love and service that bear fruit in peace, as befits the members of Christ's body who follow the path he showed us.

Ring out your joy to God our strength,
shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song and sound the timbrel,
the sweet-sounding harp and the lute,
blow the trumpet at the new moon,

when the moon is full, on our feast.

A voice I did not know said to me:

"I freed your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were freed from the load.
You called in distress and I saved you.

I am the Lord your God,

who brought you from the land of Egypt.

Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

O that my people would heed me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

At once I would subdue their foes,
turn my hand against their enemies.

The Lord's enemies would cringe at their feet
and their subjection would last for ever.

But Israel I would feed with finest wheat
and fill them with honey from the rock."

Glory to the Father

Word of God 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

We, though many, are one body in Christ and -individually parts of one another. (Rom 12:5)

Canticle of Zechariah

He established peace on your borders, / he feeds you with finest wheat. (Ps 147:14)

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

In Christ, we pray:

R/Lord, hear our prayer!

Make one again all those who are baptized in Christ but divided in faith and practice, we pray: **R/**

Make one in heart all those who partake of the one bread and the one cup, we pray: **R/**

Make one in peace all those who eat at the one table of the Lord, we pray: **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

Great God of love, you have fed us on the finest wheat, but we have broken the bonds of peace and become scattered like crumbs of bread in the wind. Gather us together in Christ, that we may live in peace and love as members of one body, fed on the one Bread of life, the same Christ our Lord, 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

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat. For thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the Lord had said.

Reading 2

Ephesians 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to -preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Gospel

John 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the -people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

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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