

**SUNDAY, July, 3, 2022**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Prayer for the Morning**

*Our God is a God of freedom. Let us praise him!*

*Glory to the Father.... Alleluia!*

**Hymn** **Meter: 12 8 12 8 with refrain**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest  
and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

**R/** So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by  
the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary. **R/**

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood  
so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see,  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered  
and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me. **R/**

**Psalm** **50 1-2, 8-15**

*I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the  
righteous but sinners. (Mt 9:13)*

*An overly formalistic approach to religion draws us  
away from God and makes the ritual into our god  
rather than the one whom the ritual is meant to  
honor. If we believe that we are righteous, we leave no  
place for salvation and mercy. Let us rather boast in  
nothing but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
(cf. Gal 6:14).*

The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken and  
summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to  
its setting. Out of Zion's perfect beauty he shines.  
"I find no fault with your sacrifices, your offerings  
are always before me. I do not ask more bullocks  
from your farms, nor goats from among your  
herds. For I own all the beasts of the forest, beasts  
in their thousands on my hills. I know all the birds  
in the sky, all that moves in the field belongs to  
me. Were I hungry, I would not tell you, for I own  
the world and all it holds. Do you think I eat the  
flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? Pay  
your sacrifice of thanksgiving to God

and render him your votive offerings. Call on me in  
the day of distress. I will free you and you shall  
honor me."

Glory to the Father...

**Word of God** **Romans 3:21-26**

The righteousness of God has been manifested  
apart from the law, though testified to by the law  
and the prophets, the righteousness of God  
through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.  
For there is no distinction; all have sinned and are  
deprived of the glory of God. They are justified  
freely by his grace through the redemption in  
Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as an expiation,  
through faith, by his blood, to prove his  
righteousness because of the forgiveness of sins  
previously committed, through the forbearance of  
God—to prove his righteousness in the present  
time, that he might be righteous and justify the  
one who has faith in Jesus.

All have gone astray;/ all alike are perverse./ Not  
one does what is right,/ not even one. (Ps 14:3)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*The Lord will give me freedom and peace.*

*(cf. Ps 55:19)*

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

Lord, we seek to offer you reverent praise and obtain the freedom of the sons and daughters of God, and so we pray:

**R/** Grant us true worship.

That we may offer our lives as worthy sacrifices, and truly enter into the mystery of the liturgy: **R/**

That we may be open to newcomers, and understanding of those who worship with us: **R/**

That we may seek freedom through true worship, and shun all division: **R/**      **Personal intentions**

**Our Father....**

*Lord our God, we are sinners in need of your mercy. Grant us the grace to offer you true worship and to treat our brothers and sisters with charity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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## Reading 1

**Isaiah 66:10-14c**

Thus says the Lord:/ Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her,/ all you who love her;/ exult, exult with her,/ all you who were mourning over her!/ Oh, that you may suck fully/ of the milk of her comfort,/ that you may nurse with delight/ at her abundant breasts!/ For thus says the Lord:/ Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river,/ and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent./ As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms,/ and fondled in her lap;/ as a mother comforts her child,/ so will I comfort you;/ in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort.

When you see this, your heart shall rejoice/ and your bodies flourish like the grass;/ the Lord's power shall be known to his servants.

## Reading 2

**Galatians 6:14-18**

Brothers and sisters: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

## Gospel

**Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town."

The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are -subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

## **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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