

SUNDAY, July 4, 2021
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prayer for the Morning

The Lord is faithful in all his words: 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: 77 77 77**

Hail, the long-awaited Son!
Lord of all the realm to come.
Deaf and blind and lame are healed,
And God's Kingdom is revealed.
"Where, O Master, do you stay?"
"Come and see," we hear him say.
Let us go to where he stays,
Hear his words and learn his ways,
Leaving all we'd known before
By the Jordan River's shore;
Ancient roads and deepest sea—
Let us follow heedfully.

Psalm **145: 2-5, 10-14**

Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord God! (Ez 2:4)

Deaf though we may sometimes be to the Word of God, God never ceases to send us messengers—homilies, hymns, prayers, persons, events, experiences—to break through our deafness, that we might hear and live.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.
Age to age shall proclaim your works,
shall declare your mighty deeds,
shall speak of your splendor and glory,
tell the tale of your wonderful works.
All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds

and the glorious splendor of your reign.
Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.
The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

Glory to the Father

Word of God **Isaiah 45:19**

I have not spoken from hiding/ nor from some dark place of the earth,/ And I have not said to the descendants of Jacob,/ "Look for me in an empty waste."/ I, the Lord, promise justice,/ I foretell what is right.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
(1 Sm 3:9).

Canticle of Zechariah

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,/ and all mankind shall see it together;/ for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.
(Is 40:5)

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

With listening hearts, we pray in faith:

R/Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

You speak to us in word and silence in our Sunday worship: grant us the gift of attentive listening. **R/**

You speak to us in the works of those who serve you:

grant us the gift of appreciative awareness. **R/**

You speak to us in the persons and events of our daily lives: grant us the gift of discerning hearts.

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Personal intentions

Our Father....

O God, you break through our deafness of heart to speak to us the Word of life. Grant that we might hear and recognize your voice and respond in faith, 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

Ezekiel 2:2-5

As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord God! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Reading 2

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships,

persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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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