

Sunday, May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Ascension of the Lord

Prayer for the Morning

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: let us praise the God of our salvation!

Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia

Hymn **Meter: CM**

How sweet, how heavenly is the sight,
When those that love the Lord
In one another's peace delight,
And so fulfill his Word!
When each can feel his brother's sigh
And with him bear a part;
When sorrow flows from eye to eye,
And joy from heart to heart!

Psalm **133**

Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are.
(Jn 17:11)

In the risen Christ, divided humanity is remade into one Body. Let us so live and love that the world around us can see and long for this unity into which we have been baptized and anointed with the oil of gladness.

How good and how pleasant it is,
when brothers live in unity!
It is like precious oil upon the head
running down upon the beard,
running down upon Aaron's beard
upon the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon which falls
on the heights of Zion.
For there the Lord gives his blessing,
life for ever.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God **John 17:20-23**

I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the

world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

Canticle of Zechariah

I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them. (Jn 17:26)

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 one heart and one voice, let us pray:

R Make all your people one!

For the Church, – that we may grow in oneness of mind and heart in all things. **R**

For those who toil for peace among persons, races, and nations, – that they may be rewarded with the joy of seeing true unity in Christ. **R**

For those who long for reconciliation among the divided, – that their yearning may find expression in the works of love. **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

O God, Three in One, gather into unity all whom sin has divided, that we may live as one humanity in Jesus Christ through the mystery of the cross. Who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Reading 1 Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place—. He said, “My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry.

“For it is written in the Book of Psalms:
May another take his office.

“Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

Reading 2 1 John 4:11-16

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover,

we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.

God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

Gospel John 17:11b-19

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: “Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”

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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