

Sunday, October 18, 2026
Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Prayer for the Morning

Through the greatness of God's love, we have access to his house: let us give thanks and praise!

Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia

Hymn

Meter: 77 77

Father, who didst fashion me
Image of thyself to be,
Fill me with thy love divine,
Let my every thought be thine.
Holy Jesus, may I be
Dead and buried here with thee;
And, by love inflamed, arise
Unto thee a sacrifice.
Thou, who dost all gifts impart,
Shine, sweet Spirit, in my heart;
Best of gifts thyself bestow;
Make me burn thy love to know.
God, the blessed Three in One,
Dwell within my heart alone;
Thou dost give thyself to me;
May I give myself to thee.

Canticle

Ephesians 1:3-10

I have called you by your name. (Is 45:4)
God has laid claim to us in love, creating us in his image, calling us personally by our names and the name of Christian, choosing us to be his servants in Jesus Christ.

Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens.
God chose us in him before the world began to be holy and blameless in his sight. He predestined us to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, such was his will and pleasure, that all might praise the glorious favor he has bestowed on us in his beloved.
In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous is God's favor to us. God has given us the wisdom to understand fully the mystery, the plan he was pleased to decree in Christ.
A plan to be carried out in Christ, in the fullness of time, to bring all things into one in him, in the heavens and on earth..

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Isaiah 40:26

Lift up your eyes on high/ and see who has created these:/ He leads out their army and numbers them,/ calling them all by name./ By his great might and the strength of his power/ not one of them is missing!

They will look upon his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. (Rv 22:4)

Canticle of Zechariah

If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:8)

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

Beloved of God, we pray:

R/We bear your name, O Lord!

We belong to you, O God: let us worship no other god but you. **R/**

We are called to rest in you on this holy day: let us know the joy of gathering in your name for worship. **R/**

We praise you for your love: let us love one another as you have loved us. **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

O God our Father and our Maker, you have made us in your image and called us by our names; you have made us your own in Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose cross we glory on this holy day in the sacrifice of the Mass. Make us holy as he is holy, 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 **Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, Cyrus,/ whose right hand I grasp,/ subduing nations before him,/ and making kings run in his service,/ opening doors before him/ and leaving the gates unbarred:/ For the sake of Jacob, my servant,/ of Israel, my chosen one,/ I have called you by your name,/ giving you a title, though you knew me not./ I am the Lord and there is no other,/ there is no God besides me./ It is I who arm you, though you know me not,/ so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun/ people may know that there is none besides me./ I am the Lord, there is no other.

Reading 2 **1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

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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