

Sunday, September 4, 2022
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prayer for the Morning

The Lord sets us free. 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: LM**

Grant, Lord, that we, your servants all,
Saved by your tide of cleansing Blood,
No more 'neath sin's dominion fall
Nor fear the thought of death's dark flood!
Your varied love each spirit bless,
The humble cheer, the proud control;
Check in each heart its vain excess,
But raise the meek and humble soul.
This favor, Father, we entreat;
This blessing, grant, eternal Son
And Holy Spirit, Paraclete,
Both now and while the ages run.

Psalm 105 **1, 12-21**

As proof that you are children, God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. (Gal 4:6-7)

We are either servants of God or slaves of evil. There is no middle ground. This does not mean that as servants of Christ we are without fault, but that we have allied ourselves with him and accepted his redemption. Let us not be ashamed to be servants of Christ, for in his love he has purchased us at a great price. (cf. 1 Cor 7:23).

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

When they were few in number,
a handful of strangers in the land,
when they wandered from country to country,
from one kingdom and nation to another,
he allowed no one to oppress them;
he admonished kings on their account:
"Do not touch those I have anointed;
do no harm to any of my prophets."

But he called down a famine on the land;
he broke the staff that supported them.
He had sent a man before them,
Joseph, sold as a slave.

His feet were put in chains,
his neck was bound with iron,
until what he said came to pass
and the word of the Lord proved him true.

Then the king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free,
making him master of his house
and ruler of all he possessed.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God **Galatians 3:26-29**

Through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendant, heirs according to the promise.

You have been purchased at a price. Do not become slaves to human beings. (1 Cor 7:23)

Canticle of Zechariah

Jesus took the form of a slave, / coming in human likeness. (cf. Phil 2:7)

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...

