

INTRODUCTION

God, + come to my assistance.

– Lord, make haste to help me.

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.

HYMN

Hymn Text: Michael Gannon tune: *All Glory Laud and Honor*

1.) Look down to us, Saint Joseph, 2.) We venerate your justice,

Protector of Our Lord, The gospels praise your name,

Who followed you through deserts, You are the saint all humble,

And gave you blessed reward; Who gained eternal fame;

Our foes are yet about us, In your devoted family

Be strength now at our side, Our souls in trust confide

Be light against the darkness. Direct our way to heaven

Saint Joseph, be our guide! Saint Joseph, be our guide.

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 His parents found Jesus in the temple sitting in the midst of the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions.

Psalm 15

Who is worthy to stand in God's presence?

You have come to Mt. Zion, to the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:22).

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent *
and dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault: *
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart; *
he who does not slander with his tongue;

he who does no wrong to his brother, *
who casts no slur on his neighbor,
who holds the godless in disdain, *
but honors those who fear the Lord;

he who keeps his pledge, come what may; *
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent. *
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

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and to the Holy Spirit:
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Psalm Prayer

Make our lives blameless, Lord. Help us to do what is right and to speak what is true, that we may dwell in your tent and find rest on your holy mountain.

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Ant. 2 The mother of Jesus said to him: Son, why have you done this to us? See how your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.

Psalm 112 The happiness of the just man

Live as children born of the light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth (Ephesians 5:8-9).

Happy the man who fears the Lord, *
who takes delight in all his commands.
His sons will be powerful on earth; *
the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house; *
his justice stands firm for ever.
He is a light in the darkness for the upright: *
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends, *
he conducts his affairs with honor.
The just man will never waver: *
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news; *
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
With a steadfast heart he will not fear; *
he will see the downfall of his foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor; †
his justice stands firm for ever. *
His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry, †
grinds his teeth and fades away; *
the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

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and to the Holy Spirit:
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Psalm Prayer

Lord God, you are the eternal light which illumines the hearts of good people.
Help us to love you, to rejoice in your glory, and so to live in this world as to avoid
harsh judgment in the next. May we come to see the light of your countenance.

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how your father and I have been anxiously searching for you

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obedient to them.

Canticle: Revelation 15:3-4
Hymn of adoration

Mighty and wonderful are your works, *
Lord God Almighty!
Righteous and true are your ways, *
O King of the nations!

Who would dare refuse you honor, *
or the glory due your name, O Lord?

Since you alone are holy, *
all nations shall come
and worship in your presence. *
Your mighty deeds are clearly seen.

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and to the Holy Spirit:
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READING

Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being. Do it for the Lord rather than for men since you know full well that you will receive an inheritance from him as your reward. Be slaves of Christ the Lord.

RESPONSORY

The just man shall blossom like the lily.
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He shall flourish for ever in the courts of our God,
– like the lily.

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– The just man shall blossom like the lily.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

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Canticle of Mary

Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, †
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: †
the Almighty has done great things for me, *
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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INTERCESSIONS

All fatherhood in heaven and on earth has its origin in God. Let us turn to him and pray:

Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

All-holy Father, you revealed to Saint Joseph your eternal plan of salvation in Christ,

– deepen our understanding of your Son, true God and true man.

Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

Father in heaven, you feed the birds of the air, and clothe the fields with the fruit of the earth,

– give all your children their daily bread, to sustain soul and body.

Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

Maker of the universe, you have entrusted your creation to our safekeeping,

– may all who work receive a just reward for their labors.

Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

God of all righteousness, you want us all to be like you,

– may Saint Joseph inspire us to walk always in your way of holiness.

Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

Look kindly on the dying and the dead, and grant them your mercy,

– through the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Gathering our prayer and praises into one, let us offer the prayer Christ himself taught us:)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father,
you entrusted our Savior to the care of Saint Joseph.
By the help of his prayers
may your Church continue to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
– Amen.

Or:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that by Saint Joseph's intercession
your Church may constantly watch over
the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation,
whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
– Amen.

May the Lord + bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
– Amen.