

Presentation of the Lord's Prayer

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Opening Prayer:

Enlighten, O God of compassion, the hearts of your children, sanctified by penance, and in your kindness grant those you stir to a sense of devotion a gracious hearing when they cry out to you. 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.

First Reading:

A reading from the prophet Hosea:

Out of Egypt I called my son. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, who took them in my arms; but they did not know that I cared for them. I drew them with human cords, with bands of love, I fostered them like those who raise an infant to their cheeks; I bent down to feed them. My heart is overwhelmed, my pity is stirred. I will not give vent to my blazing anger, I will not destroy Ephraim again; For I am God and not a man, the Holy One present among you; I will not come in wrath.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

Second Reading:

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans:

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God’s will.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

Gospel – Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer:

Let the Elect receive the Lord’s Prayer.

Listen to the Gospel reading in which our Lord teaches his followers how to pray.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus said to his disciples: “Say this when you pray: ‘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.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Elect:

Let us pray for these elect, that God in his mercy may make them responsive to his love, so that through the waters of rebirth they may receive pardon for their sins and have life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Almighty and eternal god, you continually enlarge the family of your Church. Deepen the faith and understanding of this Elect, chosen for baptism. Give him new birth in your living waters, so that he may be numbered among your adopted children. Through Christ our Lord.