

Affirmation Prayer...

If we suffer with Christ, we will reign with Christ.
Let us give thanks and praise!

**All: 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: CM**

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
Redemption's only spring:
Creator of the world are you,
Its Savior and its King.
For now the bonds of death are burst,
The ransom has been paid;
And you are on your Father's throne
In glorious robes arrayed.
Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory may it be
To glory in the Lord.

Psalm **116:1-9**

*We do not have a high priest who is unable to
sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has
similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.*
(Heb 4:15)

*Suffering exposes our weaknesses, both to
ourselves and to others. But Christ does not ask us
to carry our cross alone, so we need not fear our
weakness but glory in his strength as we suffer in
and with him for a little while in order to live in and
with him for ever.*

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.
They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me!
How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.
Turn back, my soul, to your rest
for the Lord has been good;
he has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

**All: 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.**

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.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are as nothing compared with the glory to be
revealed for us.

Because he himself was tested through what he
suffered, he is able to help those who are being
tested. (Heb 2:18)

Canticle of Zechariah

*If we have died with him/ we shall also live with
him.* (2 Tm 2:11)

**All: 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.

**All: 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.**

Intercessions

Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to
receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.
(Heb 4:16)

R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.

In our weakness, grant us your strength: **R/**

In our refusals to suffer for your sake, grant us
your forgiveness: **R/**

In our reluctance to take up the cross, grant us
your courage: **R/**

Personal intentions

**All: 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.**

O God, the source of all our strength, you nourish us with the Body and Blood of Christ crucified and risen. Through the Eucharist, strengthen us to walk the way of the cross that leads us into your kingdom, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY, October 17, 2021
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 **Isaiah 53:10-11**

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Reading 2 **Hebrews 4:14-16**

Brothers and Sisters: Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel **Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

All: 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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