

Sunday, January 14, 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer for the Morning

Now is the hour to wake from sleep: come, let us adore. **Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia**

Hymn **Meter: LM**

Eternal light, shine in my heart;
Eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
Eternal power, be my support;
Eternal wisdom, make me wise.
Eternal life, raise me from death;
Eternal brightness, make me see;
Eternal Spirit, give me breath;
Eternal Savior, come to me:
Until by your most costly grace,
Invited by your holy word,
At last I come before your face
To know you, my eternal God.

Psalm **108:2-6**

*The Lord called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am."
(1 Sm 3:4)*
God called Samuel from sleep to become the servant of his word. Christ calls his disciples to wake from whatever dulls our capacity to hear the Word and follow faithfully.

My heart is ready, O God;
I will sing, sing your praise.
Awake, my soul;
awake, lyre and harp.
I will awake the dawn.
I will thank you, Lord, among the peoples,
among the nations I will praise you,
for your love reaches to the heavens
and your truth to the skies.
O God, arise above the heavens;
may your glory shine on earth!

Glory to the Father

Word of God **Romans 13:11-13a, 14a**

Do this because you know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the

armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day.... Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are called, reply, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."
(1 Sm 3:9)

Canticle of Zechariah

Give ear and hear my voice,/ pay attention and listen to what I say. (Is 28:23)

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

Christ is our Light. To him we pray:

R/Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

When we grow careless of our calling as disciples,
awaken us from sleep: **R/**

When we become distracted by our daily cares
and pastimes, awaken us from sleep: **R/**

When we grow deaf to your Word because of other
interests, awaken us from sleep: **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

*O God, you call us daily to arise and follow Christ the Lord. Awaken us from whatever lethargy holds us back from listening; shake us from the deadly sleep of sin. May Christ, your Word and our Light, lead us in the ways of life. Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen*

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Reading 1 **1Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the Lord where the ark of God was. The Lord called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the Lord called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the Lord, because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet. The Lord called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the Lord was -calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the Lord came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not-permitting any word of his to be without effect.

The word of the Lord.

Reading 2 **1Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for -immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the

immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Gospel **John 1:35-42**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah"—which is translated Christ—. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas"—which is translated Peter.

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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