

For Our Household, Where We Find Rest

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 5th, 2020

CALL TO THE FEAST

All: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

(You may begin by singing a song together.)

Leader: It is our desire and response to your love that brings us to give you thanks today. Creator God, your bountiful gifts we come to know both on earth and in the heavens. Your gifts sustain us both physically and spiritually, as individuals and in community

Leader: Your Word created the world.

All: Thank you, Source of Life!

Leader: Your design and harmony we see in Creation is the fruit of your Word.

All: Thank you, Incarnating Word!

Leader: You gave us the same Word made flesh as Mediator.

All: Thank you, Word Made Flesh!

Leader: Jesus has spoken your words to us and called us to follow him.

All: Thank you for your call!

Leader: Jesus is the way that leads us to you.

All: Thank you for walking with us!

Leader: Jesus is the truth that sets us free.

All: Thank you for opening our eyes to see you!

Leader: Jesus is the life that fills us with gladness.

All: Thank you, Source of Life!

Leader: Through Jesus you continue to gather people of all nations, race, tribes and cultures.

All: Open our eyes to see your face in everyone we encounter!

Leader: You made all of us into one family for the glory of your name.

All: Thank you for our family!

Leader: You redeemed all of us by the Blood of his Cross.

All: May our witness heal others!

Leader: You signed us with the seal of the Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation

All: as well as in every moment you break into our awareness and we are inspired to respond to other people's needs as you would. Amen!

READING AND FAITH SHARING FOR THE DAY:

Today's Gospel is found in [Matthew 11:25-3](#). For the complete Readings [click here](#).

Each of the Readings can be read or simply the Gospel.

While someone reads the Scripture(s), listen well. Be aware of the image being painted, or the story being told. Does the story or the image call to mind anything similar in your own life or experience?

After the reading, share your impressions of the reading (s) with each other:

- ✓ *When have you thought you just wanted to give up TOTALLY - with a job, a project, homework or a relationship - and someone showed up and said something like: "Can I help you?"*
- ✓ *Who have you been your mentors – official or unofficial? Did they 'carry' the load for you? ...or did they 'help you carry' the load? Both types? From which did you gain more in the long run?*
- ✓ *When really bogged down and ready to give up, what's your quiet place, your respite (inside) that helps you regain strength and energy to keep moving? Where did you 'learn' that?*

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✓ *From what you have learned/been mentored by others: how have you paid it forward to others?*

SHARING THE FEAST

The feast can be a meal or a simple loaf of bread (rice-cakes, chapati, naan, pita, tortilla, oatcakes, sweet bread, baguette, etc.) and a glass/cup (or individual glasses) of (wine, water, cider, grape juice).

Bread and wine are passed to one another. Each person serving the individual next to him or her.

Creator God, Source of All Life, we gather in our household (*present to each other as well as at a distance*) to remember and celebrate the Life, Teaching, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, your Son.

We long to gather again with our parish community to share the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. We come to you with the burden of our separation. Recognize our desire to be one with you as we long to break the bread of your Word and the bread of our Table.

Be a guest at our table! Ignite our hearts in Compassion with your Word being made flesh in our Household! (*Share the bread*)

Recognize that, as we drink (*water, wine, other*) we seek to quench our spiritual thirst by opening ourselves to your presence in one another. (*Share your chosen beverage.*)

PRAYER OF THANKS AND PRAISE

All: We thank you for the leadership of Francisco our pope and for the pastoral ministry of (Arch)Bishop *N*. **Leader:** Keep them safe and healthy.

Leader: We ask your animation in the life and ministry of our pastor *N*, and the Deacon(s) *N, N*, who serve our larger faith community. **All:** keep his/their feet on the earth. Heal their wounds.

All: We recognize you in and thank you for our family, **Leader:** both near and far.

Leader: You teach us the value of community and mutuality **All:** in our friends and neighbors.

All: May we learn to understand and respond to the signs of the times and live in the light of faith,

Leader: being devoted in serving the Gospel.

Leader: As we bare our burdens to you, **All:** Open our eyes to the needs of all.

All: By acknowledging their grief and sharing pain **Leader:** may we help heal division and strife.

Leader: By sharing their joy and hope, **All:** may we bring the good news of healing transformation.

All: We remember your servants who heal those dis-eased by COVID19. **Leader:** Heal our fears!

Leader: May those who have died be in your Peace! **All:** May those who mourn them, be comforted!

Leader: For what else do we pray: (*Say your heart prayers.*)

Follow the intercessions with the Our Father.

Leader: Peace be with you all!

All: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

(You may end by singing a song together.)