

Sunday, March 25, 2018

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### **Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today's Mass is:

The Father responds to Jesus' willing self-sacrifice by raising him to glory.

As we begin to recall and commemorate the events of that first Holy Week, when Jesus willingly laid aside his glory and embraced the cross for our salvation, may we be filled with gratitude and awe at one who loves us so much.

In today's reading, Isaiah foretells that God's servant will suffer as a consequence of being a true and faithful disciple.

Saint Paul reminds us that Jesus set aside his glory and power by becoming one with us in the flesh, but through his humility and suffering, he has become Lord of all. The Gospel tells the story of Jesus' passion and death.

### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

#### **PRIEST:**

**Through his holy cross,  
we gain the confidence necessary to trust in Christ,  
who promises to plead for us before the eternal Father.**

For all members of the Church,  
as we commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus,  
may we be inspired to die to ourselves and seek first the good of others.  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For peace in our world,  
may the celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death  
transform us and heal all division and strife.  
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For all those sick in body, mind or spirit,  
may Christ who knew pain and suffering in his own life  
fill them with healing and hope.  
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For all those who have died,  
may they come to share in the fullness of Christ's glorious resurrection.  
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For those gathered here,  
may we respond boldly to the call to discipleship and mission.  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions, ..... (long pause).  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

#### **PRIEST:**

**Eternal Father, in the mystery of your Son's cross and resurrection,  
you reveal to us your abundant mercy and love.**

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**Grant us the humility to rely only on your goodness  
as we offer these petitions.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**