

WELCOME: (COMMENTATOR)

On behalf of the Charis Community, I welcome you to our Sunday Mass. All are truly welcome, and we are excited that you are joining us whether it's your first time praying with us or if you've been with us for a while. The worship aid for Mass is on our website, and we will put the address in the chat for you should you like to pull it up to support your prayer.

We are a Eucharistic people, so we invite you to have bread and wine, in whatever form you have it, with you where you are. Even though we are in many locations, we affirm that we are one table of believers.

Today's readings challenge us to offer everything to God and to celebrate the fact that God similarly offers everything to us. All of these passages today remind us that we are called to step out in faith. This is not easy, but in order to see the greater picture, in order to understand more deeply the fullness of new life offered in Christ, we have to take the leap of faith and to trust God..

Let us gather ourselves for our Sabbath prayer in song.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thee Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

He is near who upholds my right;
if anyone wishes to oppose me,
let us appear together.

Who disputes my right?

Let that man confront me.

See, the Lord GOD is my help;
who will prove me wrong?

The Word of the Lord

SECOND READING

A Reading from the Letter of James.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,
if someone says he has faith but does not have works?
Can that faith save him?
If a brother or sister has nothing to wear
and has no food for the day,
and one of you says to them,
"Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well, "
but you do not give them the necessities of the body,
what good is it?
So also faith of itself,
if it does not have works, is dead.

Indeed someone might say,
"You have faith and I have works."
Demonstrate your faith to me without works,
and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

A Reading from the Good News According to Mark.
Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus and his disciples set out
for the villages of Caesarea Philippi.
Along the way he asked his disciples,
"Who do people say that I am?"
They said in reply,
"John the Baptist, others Elijah,
still others one of the prophets."
And he asked them,
"But who do you say that I am?"
Peter said to him in reply,
"You are the Christ."
Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them
that the Son of Man must suffer greatly
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed, and rise after three days.
He spoke this openly.
Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.
At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples,
rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan.
You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them,
"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake
and that of the gospel will save it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Commentator:

Lord Jesus, you walk beside your people. You are a Lord who feeds the hungry. You are a Lord who celebrates the small and the insignificant. And so we lift the longings of our hearts to you this day. For whom and for what else do we want to pray today?

(We offer our prayers and respond, Lord Hear Our Prayer.)

We ask all this of you, O God, knowing that you are our hope and our salvation, a very present help in times of trouble, and the One whose purpose is to grant and new and abundant life to us and our world. Praise be to your name. **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus stands and asks: “Who do you say I am?”

We join millions who have gone before and say: “the Messiah.”

Jesus stands in front of us and tells us the realities of discipleship.

We join millions who have gone before
in the challenges of living as disciples.

Jesus stands before us and offers food and drink for the journey.

Fed and nourished, we go out into the world to live and serve.

Jesus stands before us, shining in glory,

and will be with us to the end of the age. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**