

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them worthy of himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself,
and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the
living. Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?
For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of
God; for it is written: As I live, says the Lord, every

knee shall bend before me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God.

So then each of us shall give an accounting of
himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus said in reply, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we now join our prayers to His.

- For Mark, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of saints...**We pray to the Lord,** Lord hear our prayer
- Our brother was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him into the halls of the heavenly banquet...**We pray to the Lord,** Lord hear our prayer
- For all Sacred Heart of Jesus parishioners who are ill or suffering in any way, that they find peace and comfort in our Lord Jesus...**We pray to the Lord,** Lord hear our prayer
- Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to God alone; and help to comfort and increase the faith of those of us who remain...**We pray to the Lord,** Lord hear our prayer
- For all deceased members of Mark's family, for these and all the faithful departed to rest in the Light of Christ...**We pray to the Lord,** Lord hear our prayer

Priest

Lord God, Giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them eternal happiness; we make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.