

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: As Martha and Mary discovered, the kindness and love of God is revealed in Jesus in our midst. Let us pray to the God who is here, the God who listens.

✠ That the sacred liturgy may enrich the personal prayer of those assembled for worship, we pray;
▶ **Abba God, hear our prayer.**

✠ That the leaders of our nation will give glory to God by using their talents to serve us, we pray;
▶ **Abba God, hear our prayer.**

✠ That the dying will look to Christ in their sufferings, we pray;
▶ **Abba God, hear our prayer.**

✠ That, like Mary of Bethany, we will listen to Christ in times of silent reflection, we pray;
▶ **Abba God, hear our prayer.**

✠ That the sick may know healing through the care of the Body of Christ, we pray;
▶ **Abba God, hear our prayer.**

✠ That the Holy Spirit guide the spiritual preparation of Bishop Designate William Patrick Callahan for leading the Diocese of La Crosse, we pray;
▶ **Abba God, hear our prayer.**

✠ That the dead may live for ever in the presence of the Lord, especially Tillie Lepak and Ted Pirog, we pray;
▶ **Abba God, hear our prayer.**

✠ That God listen to the prayers of our baskets, Mass, and the needs of St. Joseph Parish, we pray;
▶ **Abba God, hear our prayer.**

(Pause for silent intentions to be offered from the heart.)

Presider: Ever-loving Father, receive our prayers, as we rejoice in the mystery of Christ among us, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

July 17-18, 2010

Mass Intentions:

Albin Ropella
For living and deceased parish members



OPENING/PENITENTIAL RITE:

Lord Jesus, You are the holy one of God, our lasting hope,
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, You are the Lord, our justice,
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, You are the way that leads us to everlasting life,
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot. Looking up, Abraham saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said: "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." The men replied, "Very well, do as you have said." Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah, "Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls." He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer, and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it. Then Abraham got some curds and milk, as well as the steer that had been prepared, and set these before the three men; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate. They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent. One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son."

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#45, Gather - Psalm 100
We Are His People

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church, of which I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.