

Liturgy Alive of Weekday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 11th Week in Ordinary Time

GOD AS VISITOR, GREAT FAITH

Opening Prayer

Lord, our God,
you come and visit us
often when we are not aware of your coming.
Make us aware of your presence,
that we may eagerly receive you
and be enriched by your visit.
Make us highly appreciate your hospitality
when you set for us the table
of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction

Our first reading in Year I speaks of the wonderful visit of God to Abraham to confirm his promise. The monk Andrei Rublev used this scene for his famous icon of the Blessed Trinity. God invites himself in our lives. Do we recognize and receive him?

Gospel Reading Introduction

At a mere word of Jesus, the health of the centurion's servant is restored in response to the marvelous faith of the pagan centurion. He is a model of faith to all of us. His faith makes him worthy to take his place at the table of the kingdom.

General Intercessions

- That all the peoples of the earth may hear where the Lord can be found, come to know his name and pray to him, we pray:
- That we may care for the sick and bring them healing and strength by our friendship and encouraging words, we pray:
- That we may welcome foreigners and strangers in our Christian communities and invite them to form community with us, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

God of all people,
we bring bread and wine before you
to celebrate our gratitude to you
as we are gathered around Jesus, your Son.
For in him, you have accepted us.

From his hospitable table
may men and women from all peoples and cultures
eat his bread of life
and drink his wine of joy,
that all may know your name
and praise your healing love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven,
we thank you that your Son
has spoken his healing word to us
even though we are not worthy.
May he find great faith in us.
We also thank you
that the promise of Jesus has been fulfilled:
Many have come from east and west
to eat from the same table with your people,
as they have joined us in the Eucharist.
Accept our thanks
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Blessing

May the Lord speak to us also the words he spoke to the centurion when we sincerely pray to him:
"Let it be done for you according to your faith," and may God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit.