

MEMORIAL OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Dear St. Joseph, pure and gentle,
Guardian of the Saviour child,
Treading with the virgin mother,
Egypt's deserts rough and wild.

*Hail, St. Joseph, spouse of Mary,
Blessed above all saints on high,
When the death-shades round us
gather,*

*Teach, oh, teach us how to die.
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2. He who rested on thy bosom
Is by countless saints adored;
Prostrate angels in His presence
Sing hosannas to their Lord.

3. Now to thee no gift refusing,
Jesus stoops to hear thy prayer;
Then, dear saint, from thy fair dwelling,
Give to us a father's care.



FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 1:26 - 2:3
Fill the earth and conquer it.

God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.'

God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good. Evening came and morning came: the sixth day.

Thus heaven and earth were completed with all their array. On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing. He rested on the seventh day after all the work he had been doing. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on that day he had rested after all his work of creating.

The word of the Lord.

Alternative First Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians 3:14-15. 17. 23-24
Whatever your work is, put your heart into it as if it were for the Lord and not for men.

Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Whatever your work is, put your heart into it as if it were for the Lord and not for men, knowing that the Lord will repay you by making you his heirs. It is Christ the Lord that you are serving.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:2-4. 12-14. 16. R] v. 17

R. Give success to the work of our hands, O Lord.

1. Before the mountains were born
or the earth or the world brought forth,
you are God, without beginning or end. (R.)
2. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 67:20

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Lord be blessed day after day;
he bears our burdens, God our saviour.
Alleluia!

