

SAINT JOSEPH HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Come on and celebrate
His gift of love, we will celebrate
The Son of God who loved us
And gave us life.
We'll shout your praise, O King
You gave us joy nothing else can bring
We'll give to you our offering
In celebration praise.

*Come on and celebrate, celebrate
Celebrate and sing
Celebrate and sing to the King*

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1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that
your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' (R.)
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

2. Lift up your voice to praise
The name above ev'ry other name
Jesus, the Christ who saved us
From sin and death
Let's bend our knees to him
Our tongues confess that He's Lord indeed
Let's give to hi our offering
In celebration praise.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.

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

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Samuel
7:4-5.12-14.16
The Lord will give him the throne of his ancestor David.

The word of the Lord came to Nathan:
'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks:
When your days are ended and you are laid to rest with
your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body
after you and make his sovereignty secure. (It is he who
shall build a house for my name, and I will make his royal
throne secure for ever.) I will be a father to him and he a
son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always
stand secure before me and your throne be established
for ever.'"

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29. R) v. 37

R. His dynasty shall last for ever.

SECOND READING

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

4:13. 16-18. 22

*Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled, he
hoped and he believed.*

The promise of inheriting the world was not made to
Abraham and his descendants on account of any law but on
account of the righteousness which consists in faith. That is
why what fulfils the promise depends on faith, so that it may
be a free gift and be available to all of Abraham's
descendants, not only those who belong to the Law but also
those who belong to the faith of Abraham who is the Father
of all of us. As scripture says: I have made you the
ancestor of many nations - Abraham is our father in the
eyes of God, in whom he put his faith, and who brings the
dead to life and calls into being what does not exist.

Though it seemed Abraham's hope could
not be fulfilled, he hoped and he believed, and through
doing so he did become the father of many nations exactly
as he had been promised: Your descendants will be as
many as the stars. This is the faith that was 'considered as
justifying him'.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 83:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

1:16. 18-21. 24

Joseph did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do.

Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary; of her
was born Jesus who is called Christ.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother
Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live
together she was found to be with child through the Holy
Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and
wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her
informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the
angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,
'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as
your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the
Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name
him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people
from their sins.' When Joseph woke up he did what the
angel of the Lord had told him to do.

The Gospel of the Lord.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 (All bow)
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried;
 he descended into hell;
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
 from there he will come to judge the living and the dead,

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Firmly I believe and truly
 God is Three and God is One;
 and I next acknowledge duly
 manhood taken by the Son.
2. And I trust and hope most fully
 in that manhood crucified;
 and each thought and deed unruly
 do to death, as he has died.
3. Simply to his grace and wholly
 light and life and strength belong,
 and I love supremely, solely,
 him the holy, him the strong.
4. And I hold in veneration,
 for the love of him alone,
 Holy Church as his creation,
 and her teachings as his own.
5. Adoration ay be given,
 with and through the angelic host,
 to the God of earth and heaven,
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
 Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.
 And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace.
 Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
 Where there is darkness only light,
 and where there's sadness ever joy.
3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
 so much to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.
4. Make me a channel of your peace.
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 in giving to all men that we receive,
 and in dying that we're born to eternal life.
5. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
 so much to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace!

1. I will give thanks to you, O Lord among the people
 I will sing praises to you among the nations
 For your steadfast love is great
 Is great to the heavens and your faithfulness,
 Your faithfulness to the clouds.

*Be exalted O God above the heavens
 Let your glory be over all the earth* } 2

2. It is good to thank you Lord
 And to praise your name with music
 To proclaim your love and mercy in the morning
 For your deeds have made me glad
 At your works I shout in triumph
 Yes how wonderful and how marvellous are your
 designs.

INVOCATION TO ST JOSEPH

Blessed Joseph Spouse of Mary
 Great Patron of Holy Mother church
 Spouse of Mary, of great Patron of the Church } 2
 O intercede for us, O intercede for us
 O pray for us

*Ubi caritas est vera, est vera
 Deus ibi est, Deus ibi est,*

1. The love of Christ joins us together
 Let us rejoice in him
 And in our love and care for all
 now love God in return
2. In true communion let us gather
 May all division cease
 and in their place be Christ the Lord
 Our risen Prince of Peace
3. May we who gather at this table
 To share the bread of life
 become a sacrament of love
 Your healing touch, O' Christ
4. For those in need make us your mercy
 for those oppressed, your might
 Make us your Church a holy sign
 of justice and new life
5. May we one day behold your glory
 and see you face to face
 rejoicing with the saints of God
 to sing eternal praise

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Hail, Holy Joseph, Hail!
 Chaste spouse of Mary hail!
 Pure as the lily flower
 In Eden's peaceful vale.
 Hail, Holy Joseph, Hail!
 Of Christ esteemed
 Father be thou to those
 Thy Foster Son redeemed.
2. Hail Holy Joseph Hail
 Prince of the house of God
 His blest graces be
 By thy sweet hands bestowed.
 Mother of Jesus bless
 And bless ye Saints on high
 All meek and simple souls,
 That to St. Joseph cry.