

Family Day

Liturgy of the Word



"In a culture where communication is increasingly commercialized, we are invited to prayer and to worship." (This Moment of Promise)

Call to Prayer:

We are gathered today to celebrate Family Day. For many of us, our families whether biologically or through deep spiritual bonds, are there for us through the best and challenging times in our lives. Let us look toward our most sacred example of a loving, caring and nurturing family: the Holy Family. Through scripture and tradition, we know that Jesus, Mary and Joseph had a strong bond and love and respect for each other. May we remember this as we prepare ourselves to celebrate Family Day.

Opening Prayer:

Let us begin by signing ourselves in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

Holy Scripture:

A Reading from a letter of Paul to the Colossians (3:12-17)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Litany for our Families:

Loving God,
Bless our families, our homes and those closest to our hearts.

In our caring and loving
All: Bless our families.

In our challenges and triumphs
All: Bless our families.

In our brokenness and healing
All: Bless our families.

In our times of hurt and forgiveness
All: Bless our families

In our frustration and patience
All: Bless our families.

In our gratitude and thankfulness
All: Bless our families.

AMEN

Closing Prayer:

Loving God,
You care for us and love us unconditionally.
Teach us to do the same for the people in our families.
We ask this, through our Lord Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

AMEN