

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**  
**Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Prayer for the Morning**

*Our God is righteous. Let us praise him with upright lives!*      **Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia**

**Hymn** **Meter: CM**

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
And Christ shall give you light,  
So learn his love—its length and breadth,  
Its fullness, depth, and height.  
To us on earth he came to bring  
From sin and fear release,  
To give the Spirit's unity,  
The very bond of peace.  
For us Christ lived, for us he died  
And conquered in the strife,  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,  
And Christ shall give you life.

**Psalm** **118:19-29**

*Beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of flesh and spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God.*      (2 Cor 7:1)

*Repentance is not a one-time event. It is a continual process as we grow in holiness and seek to imitate Christ. A great aid to this conversion process is the daily examination of conscience and the regular practice of confession. These two things will make us much better prepared to receive all the graces that God wants to give us.*

**Open to me the gates of holiness:  
I will enter and give thanks.  
This is the Lord's own gate  
where the just may enter.  
I will thank you for you have answered  
and you are my savior.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.  
O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord, grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.**

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the Lord God is our light.  
Go forward in procession with branches  
even to the altar.  
You are my God, I thank you.  
My God, I praise you.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love endures for ever.

Glory to the Father...

**Word of God** **1 Thessalonians 4:3-8**

This is the will of God, your holiness: that you refrain from immorality, that each of you know how to acquire a wife for himself in holiness and honor, not in lustful passion as do the Gentiles who do not know God; not to take advantage of or exploit a brother in this matter, for the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you before and solemnly affirmed. For God did not call us to impurity but to holiness. Therefore, whoever disregards this, disregards not a human being but God, who [also] gives his holy Spirit to you.

**Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,/ for they will be satisfied. (Mt 5:6)**

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. (Eph 6:11)*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Glory to the Father...

