

Readings + St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord + Sunday, August 15, 2021

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

First Reading Isaiah 61:7-11

- ⁷ Because their shame was double,
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.
- ⁸ For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
- ⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
- ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for God has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Psalmody Psalm 34:1-9

I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be downcast.

I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7

Paul writes: ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Holy Gospel Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶ Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for God has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is God's name. ⁵⁰ God's mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ God has shown strength with his arm; God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵² God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ God has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise God made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."