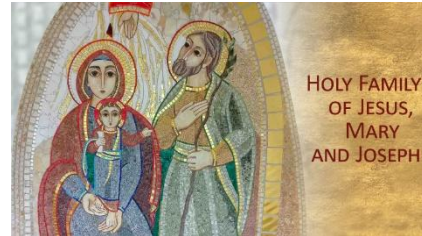


# The Holy Family

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2024**



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**Entrance Antiphon Lk 2: 16** *The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And with your spirit.

Lord Jesus, You are the way that beckons us to follow:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy

Christ Jesus, you speak words of peace when we are afraid;

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the light and in you there is no darkness:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

## Collect

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them

in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity,

and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

## First reading 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked for him from the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there for ever.'

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord.' And he worshipped the Lord there.

**Responsorial Psalm 84(83):2-3. 5-6. 9-10. Rcf. 5a**

*Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts.  
My soul is longing and yearning  
for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my flesh cry out  
to the living God.

*Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.  
Blessed the people whose strength is in you,  
whose heart is set on pilgrim ways.

*Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob.  
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
look on the face of your anointed.

*Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

**Second reading 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24**

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Open our hearts, O Lord,*

*that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.*

*Alleluia.*

**Gospel Luke 2:41-52**

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were

astonished. And his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.' And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

### **The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayer of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)**

The reader says: Lord, in your mercy.   **All reply: Hear our prayer.**

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,  
humbly asking that,  
through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph,  
you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Our Father**, who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen

### **Communion Antiphon Bar 3: 38**

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.



*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love  
You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,  
most merciful Father,  
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,  
so that, after the trials of this world,  
we may share their company for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### **Solemn Blessing**

May the God of infinite goodness,  
who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world  
and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy day,  
drive far from you the darkness of vice  
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue. **Amen.**

May God, who willed that the great joy  
of his Son's saving Birth  
be announced to shepherds by the Angel,  
fill your minds with the gladness he gives  
and make you heralds of his Gospel. **Amen.**

And may God, who by the Incarnation  
brought together the earthly and heavenly realm,  
fill you with the gift of his peace and favour  
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**