

My steadfast  
love I will  
keep for him  
forever, and  
my covenant  
will stand firm  
for him. PSALM 89:28



# CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

March 19, 2022

**CELEBRANT** :: Fr. Isidore Munishi

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**OPENING SONG** :: Table of Plenty

O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends.  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.

**REFRAIN:**

**Come to the feast of heaven and earth!**

**Come to the table of plenty!**

**God will provide for all that we need,**

**Here at the table of plenty.**

O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

**REFRAIN**

**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** :: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

**RESPONSE:** *Thanks be to God*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** :: Psalm 89:2-5, 27 and 29

**RESPONSE:** *The son of David will live forever.*

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever,  
Through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness,  
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";

In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. ... **RESPONSE**

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all generations.” ... **RESPONSE**

He shall say of me, ‘You are my Father,  
my God, the Rock my savior.’  
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,  
and my covenant with him stands firm. ... **RESPONSE**

**SECOND READING ::** Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
**RESPONSE:** *Thanks be to God*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ::**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory  
Joseph, husband of Mary, made a home for Jesus.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory

**GOSPEL ::** Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
**RESPONSE:** *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

**PROFESSION OF FAITH ::** Nicene 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.

## **INTERCESSIONS ::**

**RESPONSE:** *Lord hear our prayer*

:: For all Church leaders, that they may care for the Church as Mary and Joseph cared for Jesus, we pray...**RESPONSE**

:: For civic leaders, that they may work for justice and right relationships in our society, we pray...**RESPONSE**

:: For peace in the world, especially in Ukraine, may all people be reunited with their families and be able to return to the country they love, we pray...**RESPONSE**

:: For all who seek to do the will of God, that they may follow the example of Mary by saying yes to all that God asks of them, we pray...**RESPONSE**

:: For those in need, especially the homeless, that generous people may provide for them, as Joseph provided for his family, we pray...**RESPONSE**

:: For the sick and those who are suffering, that we may treat them with compassion and care, we pray...**RESPONSE**

:: For all who are gathered here, that they may grow in the virtues of humility and respect for one another following the example of Mary and Joseph, we pray...**RESPONSE**

:: For the board members, staff, volunteers, donors and all who are involved in the care and mission of Joseph and Mary's Home, that they may continue to respond to the promptings of God in their lives, we pray...**RESPONSE**

:: For the residents of Joseph and Mary's Home, that they may come to the realization of God's love for them and a fresh enthusiasm for life, we pray...**RESPONSE**

:: For those who have died – especially our alumni who have passed: Lee Bishop, Marcos Bryson, Al Pollard – that they may come to share in the glory of heaven, we pray...**RESPONSE**

God of great wonders, hear the prayers we present to you, and bring joy to those for whom we pray.

**PRESENTATION SONG :: Here I Am, Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**REFRAIN:**

**Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my Heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

**REFRAIN**

**COMMUNION SONG :: Taste and See**

**REFRAIN:**

**Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall always be on my lips;  
My soul shall glory in the Lord for he has been so good to me.

**REFRAIN**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise his name.  
I called the Lord and he answered me; from all my troubles he set me free.

**REFRAIN**

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that God is good; in him we need put all our trust.

**REFRAIN**

**CLOSING SONG :: How Great Thou Art**

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder

Thy power throughout the universe displayed

**REFRAIN:**

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur

And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze

**REFRAIN**

**MAGNIFICAT PRAYER ::**

**CLOSING REFLECTION ::** Beth Graham – Executive Director

## A PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

Within the Christian tradition, the feast of St. Joseph is celebrated on March 19. St. Joseph's life was that of an ordinary workman, yet his ability to see and communicate the presence of God made him extraordinary. Although Sacred Scripture doesn't tell us a great deal about him, we know St. Joseph listened to God in his dreams, and he protected and cared for Jesus and Mary. In honor of the opening of Mary's Home, this year we will conclude the mass with the Magnificat, also known as the Prayer of Mary,

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

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