

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 26:7-9

**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, alleluia.**

**COLLECT**

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,  
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race  
is with you in your glory,  
may experience, as he promised,  
until the end of the world,  
his abiding presence among us.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****PSALM**

Psalm 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R.13

**R. I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in  
the land of the living.**

*or:* Alleluia.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread?

R.

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,  
only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,  
to enquire at his temple.

R.

O LORD, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer me.  
Of you my heart has spoken,  
'Seek his face.'

R.

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter. 1 Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Cf. John 14:18

**I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.**

**I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will  
rejoice.**

Alleluia.

**GOSPEL**

John 17:1-11a

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.****PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful  
with the sacrificial offerings,  
that through these acts of devotedness  
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.****COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jn 17:22

**Father, I pray that they may be one  
as we also are one, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

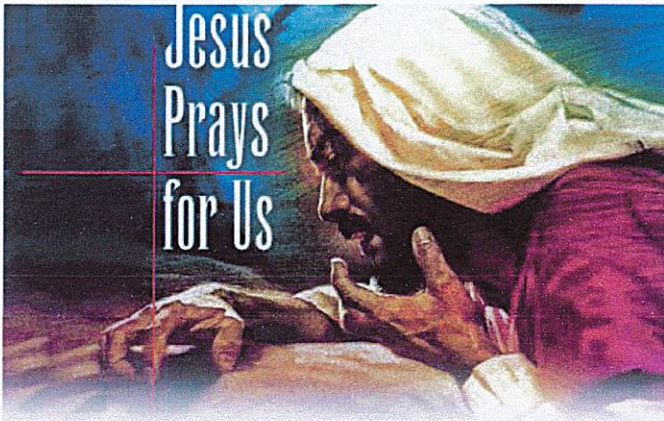
Hear us, O God our Saviour,  
and grant us confidence,  
that through these sacred mysteries  
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church  
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



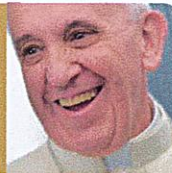
Glory is a central theme in the gospel reading for this Sunday. Whenever we try to understand a divine reality, we often begin with our human experience of the same reality. In order to understand the love that God has for us we may think of the love that a mother has for her child or the love of neighbour demonstrated

in the parable of the Good Samaritan. However, when we consider glory as it is normally spoken of, we immediately see that it has little to do with the glory that Jesus speaks about. Our idea of glory is often one of fame, adulation, success. The Collins online dictionary defines glory as “the fame and admiration that you gain by doing something impressive”. Instead, Jesus manifested his glory in this world by dying on the cross. And this had nothing to do with vainglory. Jesus’s only concern was to give glory to his Father as he in turn was glorified by his Father. As always,

Jesus in our model. We too are called to give glory to God not through our success but through our witness to the power of God’s love in our lives. The logic of the gospel is clear: those who humble themselves will be exalted. In nature we can speak of a “glorious sunset” as a manifestation of the beauty of God’s creation. On an even higher level, we are called to give glory to God through the beauty of the Christian community united in the name of Jesus where He is present among us.



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### RELIGION AND VIOLENCE

284. At times fundamentalist violence is unleashed in some groups, of whatever religion, by the rashness of their leaders. Yet, “the commandment of peace is inscribed in the depths of the religious traditions that we represent... As religious leaders, we are called to be true ‘people of dialogue’, to cooperate in building peace not as intermediaries but as authentic mediators. Intermediaries seek to give everyone a discount, ultimately in order to gain something for themselves. The mediator, on the other hand, is one who retains nothing for himself, but rather spends himself generously until he is consumed, knowing that the only gain is peace. Each one of us is called to be an artisan of peace, by uniting and not dividing, by extinguishing hatred and not holding on to it, by opening paths of dialogue and not by constructing new walls”.<sup>283</sup>

283. Address to the International Meeting for Peace organized by the Community of Sant’Egidio (30 September 2013); Insegnamenti I, 1 (2013), 301-302.

### St. Gregory of Nyssa

#### Homily on the Song of Songs

I pray, the Lord says, that they all may be one; that as you, Father, are in me and I am in you, so they also may be one in us. Now the bond that creates this unity is glory. That the Holy Spirit is called glory no one can deny if he thinks carefully about the Lord’s words: The glory you gave to me, I have given to them. In fact, he gave this glory to his disciples when he said to them: Receive the Holy Spirit. Although he had always possessed it, even before the world existed, he himself received this glory when he put on human nature. Then, when his human nature had been glorified by the Spirit, the glory of the Spirit was passed on to all his kin, beginning with his disciples. This is why he said: The glory you gave to me, I have given to them, so that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, I want them to be perfectly one.

