

SATURDAY MORNING HYMNS & PRAYER

7th July 2024

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sing we now the glorious martyrs, faithful, fallen, raised on high.
Strong they stood, in ranks of courage, loath to live if truth must die.

Grant to us, O God, their wisdom that could dare to choose the cross, Christ their one and only treasure all else, even life, no loss.

Let them burn with such an ardour that the very dark must quail.

Faced with love so all consuming death itself cannot prevail.

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Responsorial Psalm

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

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COMMUNION REFLECTION

O God, we give ourselves today with this pure host to thee, the self-same gift which thy dear Son gave once on Calvary.

With humble and with contrite heart this bread and wine we give, because thy Son once gave himself and died that we might live.

Though lowly now, soon by thy word these offered gifts will be the very Body of our Lord, his soul and deity.

O Lord, who took our human life, as water mixed with wine, grant through this sacrifice that we may share thy life divine.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Servant of the Word, handmaid of the Lord, blest are you, O Mary!

Mother of God's only Son, chosen as the holy one;

pray for us and lead us to the Son of God.

Bearer of God's Son, woman of great faith, blest are you, O Mary!

Docile to the will of God, holy Mary, heart of love;

pray for us and lead us to the Son of God.

Mary full of grace, woman truly chaste, blest are you, O Mary! Mother of the Word made flesh, guide the Church to holiness; pray for us and lead us to the Son of God.

Christ, by all adored, is your Son and Lord; blest are you, O Mary! Blest the fruit of your own womb, Jesus risen from the tomb; pray for us and lead us to the Son of God.

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MARIAN PRAYER

Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin, Help of the Christians, we place ourselves under your motherly protection. Throughout the Church's history you have helped Christians in times of trial, temptation and danger.

Time and time again, you have proven to be the Refuge of sinners, the Hope of the hopeless, the Consoler of the afflicted, and the Comforter of the Dying.

We promise to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, to proclaim
His Good News of God's love for all people,
and to work for peace and justice in our world.

With faith in your intercession, we pray for the Church, for our family and friends, for the poor and abandoned, and all the dying.

Grant, O Mary, Help of Christians, the graces of which we stand in need.

May we serve Jesus with fidelity and love until death.

Help us and our loved ones to attain the boundless joy of being forever with our Father in heaven. Amen.