

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ The Book of Wisdom was a Jewish response to the wisdom writers and Greek philosophers seeking to understand the meaning of life. Written for Jews in Alexandria, the international and cultural centre of the time, many Jews were giving up their faith and adopting a Greek philosophy. Greek philosophy taught that human nature was 'against God' and we could not 'know God'. The Wisdom writer teaches we can be in tune with the Holy Spirit of God so our paths can become 'straight'. What do you think? Have you experienced the guidance of the Holy Spirit at any point in your life?
- ❖ Philemon was a convert of Paul and was obviously wealthy enough to own slaves. Onesimus was a slave of Philemon who had escaped, found Paul in Rome, and had become very helpful to him. But Paul found out Onesimus was a slave. He sent him back – with this letter – to his master Philemon. He does not try to change the slavery system, but seeks to change Philemon's heart so he treats Onesimus as a brother, and to give him the status of being free. It was a dangerous move. Onesimus could have been killed, or at least be branded with 'F' (fugitive) on his forehead. Why would Paul take such a risk for freedom?
- ❖ Today Luke shares the most radical challenge of following Jesus. Great crowds are following Jesus and he turns to them because they may not truly understand what following him will involve. The disturbing cost of discipleship is that they must hate their family! This is a Jewish teaching method to prove a point. Jesus challenges every disciple that *He* must come first. Above *all* family relationships. For Jewish people this was upsetting. Jesus is to be preferred, even before Mum and Dad ... Jesus is to be the top social priority of their lives. What does this discipleship challenge mean for you personally?
- ❖ Jesus often provides instruction, then offers an image of what living his teaching will look like. Building a house or marching into battle are two of the biggest challenges one might undertake in life. Instead of finances and military supplies, discipleship preparation is the task of being free of attachments to family and possessions. What would this large discipleship preparation task look like for you? Do you want to follow? What are your biggest obstacles?
- ❖ Freedom from relationships and possessions is a sign of a closer journey with Jesus. Imagine taking a modern person away from family and friends, cell phone and internet. Why is it difficult and why might it be necessary? Is there a relationship you are in which requires more freedom ... possessions you may need to give away ... your lifestyle simplified, so that you may not be so entangled in following Christ?

Pope Leo XIV's Message for 10th World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation 2025 (1st September).

The theme for this World Day of Prayer is "Seeds of Peace and Hope". In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit. Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings.

In Christ, we too are seeds, "seeds of Peace and Hope." The Prophet Isaiah [32] tells us that the Spirit of God can turn an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity. So, "a spirit from on high will be poured out on us, and the wilderness will become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field."

These words of the Prophet will accompany the "Season of Creation," an ecumenical celebration, from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi). They remind us that prayer, determination and concrete actions together are necessary, if this "caress of God" is to become visible to our world (Laudato Si', 84). The Prophet contrasts justice and law with the desolation of the desert. His message is extraordinarily timely, for injustice, violations of international law and human rights, grave inequalities and the greed that fuels them, are spawning deforestation, pollution and the loss of biodiversity. Extreme natural disasters, provoked by human activity, are growing in intensity and frequency. Then there are the effects of the total devastation being wrought by armed conflicts.

These various wounds are the effect of sin. This is surely not what God intended when he entrusted the earth to the men and women whom he created in his image [Gen 1]. "Biblical texts ... tell us to 'till and keep' the garden of the world [Gen 2:15]. 'Tilling' refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while 'keeping' means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature" (Laudato Si', 67).

Environmental justice (social, economic and human) is an urgent need. For believers, building justice is a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ. In a world where the most vulnerable are the first to suffer the devastation of climate change, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity.

Now is the time to follow words with deeds. "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (Laudato Si', 217). By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice, and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope.



CALENDAR

MONDAY
September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
or 1:18-23

TUESDAY
September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 2:6-15
Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY
September 10
Weekday
Col 3:1-11
Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY
September 11
Weekday
Col 3:12-17
Lk 6:27-38

FRIDAY
September 12
Weekday
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14
Lk 6:39-42

SATURDAY
September 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 1:15-17
Lk 6:43-49

SUNDAY
September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun : 08:30 – noon
Public holidays : Closed

Dear Padre

September 7, 2025

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY (No. 263) PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 374)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD (No. 391)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION: BEHOLD THE LAMB (No. 939)

FINAL HYMN: PILGRIMS OF HOPE (Please see insertion) PLEASE STAND



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

Sunday, 7 September 2025

ENTRANCE: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (No. 633) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

1. 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.
2. 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, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. 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. (R)

FIRST READING: Wis 9:13:18b

A reading from the Book of Wisdom:

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce

do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 90: IN EVERY AGE, O LORD



In ev - 'ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

1. You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night. (R)

2. You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like the changing grass,
Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades. (R)

3. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants! (R)

4. Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands! (R)

SECOND READING: Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Philemon:

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.

GOSPEL: Lk 14:25-33

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Luke

All: And with your spirit.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
"Be our light and strength, O God."

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: ONLY THIS I WANT (No. 782)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Pilgrims of Hope

Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

Music: Francesco Meneghello

With Confidence (♩ = c. 69)
INTRODUCTION

Organ



REFRAIN



Like a flame my hope is burn - ing, may my song a - rise, to you: Source of



life that has no end - ing, on life's path I trust in you.



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Pilgrims of Hope

VERSES




1. Ev - 'ry na - tion, tongue, and peo - ple find a light with - in your Word. Scat - tered



2. God, so ten - der and so pa - tient, dawn of hope, you care for all. Heav'n and



3. Raise your eyes, the wind is blow - ing, for our God is born in time. Son made



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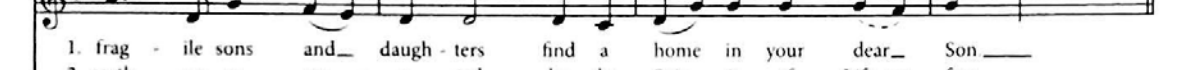


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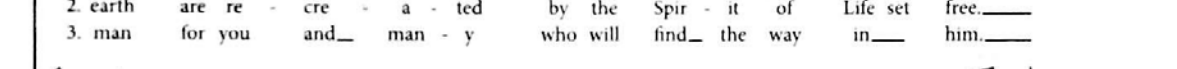
to Refrain




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2. earth are re - cre - a - ted by the Spir - it of Life set free



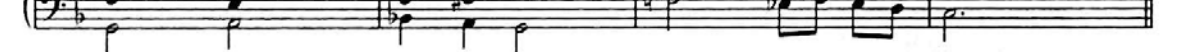
3. man for you and man - y who will find the way in him



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