

Introduction

The Eucharist is the feast of gratitude — a sacred thanksgiving for the love poured out by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In offering thanks, we discover that the greatest gift is given back to us: Christ himself, present in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Gathered at the ‘Table of Thanksgiving’, we are invited to marvel at the generosity of our Loving God and to let our hearts overflow with praise. This celebration also reminds us that gratitude is not only directed towards heaven but must flow outward — calling us to live graciously, to honour the goodness in others, and to nurture a spirit of thankfulness in our daily lives.

First Reading: Is 5: 1-7
Psalm: Ps 80: 9 & 12, 13-14, 15-16 & 19-20
Second Reading: Phil 4: 6-9
Gospel: Mt 21: 33-43

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Loving Father, the source of all goodness and mercy, with trust in Your care. We bring before You our prayers and hopes, confident that You will guide us with wisdom and compassion.

Response: Lord of mercy, hear our prayer.

For Pope Leo, the bishops, priests, and religious, that their lives may radiate faith and inspire the Church to walk joyfully in Your ways. We pray to the Lord.

For Holy Father’s Universal Prayer Intention, *for mental health ministry*: Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses. We pray to the Lord.

For all of us, that as we gather in gratitude for the blessings of creation and the fruits of our labour, our hearts may be filled with generosity and lead us to share what we have with those in need. We pray to the Lord.

For those entrusted with public office, that they may serve with integrity and seek justice and peace for every citizen. We pray to the Lord.

For the sick, the aged, and the weak, that Your Spirit may strengthen them and Your presence bring comfort in their trials. We pray to the Lord.

For all families, that homes may be places of love, faith, and forgiveness. We pray to the Lord.

For our personal intentions, we now pray to the Lord in silence (pause). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father of compassion, we thank You for listening to the prayers of Your people. May our petitions be answered according to Your will, through Christ our Lord. Amen.