

Introduction

We gather as one family around the Lord's table, called to make love the centre of our lives. God invites us to love Him wholeheartedly and to show that love through kindness, compassion, forgiveness and generous care for every person we encounter each day.

First Reading: Exodus 22: 21-27

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18 2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51ab

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: With confidence in God's love, let us pray for the needs of our Church, families, community, those who suffer, and our world.

Response: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

- For the Church, that as imitators of the Lord, we may bring Christ's healing presence to those who are hurting and forgotten. We pray to the Lord.
- For our families and communities, that we may grow in patience, forgiveness and understanding as we place the dignity and wellbeing of every person before ourselves. We pray to the Lord.
- For the poor, migrants, widows, elderly and vulnerable, that we may recognise Christ in them and respond generously to their needs. We pray to the Lord.
- For our young people, that they may discover God's loving call in their lives and generously respond to serve as priests and religious. We pray to the Lord.
- For our common home, that love for God may inspire us to care responsibly for creation, protect its resources and preserve its beauty for future generations. We pray to the Lord.
- For our personal needs, that God may be generous in His provision for each one of us... (pause in silence). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Loving Father, hear our prayers and fill our hearts with Your love, that we may love You completely and faithfully serve our brothers and sisters. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.