

October 16
Feast of Margaret Mary Alacoque
Religious

Opening Prayer

Loving God, pour out on us the riches of the Spirit which you bestowed on St. Margaret Mary. May we grow in our knowledge of the love of Christ, which surpasses all human understanding, and be filled with the fullness of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of generosity, you enabled St. Margaret Mary to renounce her own will so as to more perfectly follow the will of Christ's Sacred Heart. May her life inspire us to give glory to you through our loving service to others. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

All-powerful God, may the sacrament we have celebrated and received deepen our desire to give glory and praise to the Sacred Heart of your Son. May the blessings that you shower upon us renew us in heart and mind and strengthen our resolve to grow in union with you and one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

First Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (3: 3, 4a, 14 - 21)

I, Paul, suppose you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, (namely, that) the mystery was made known to me by revelation. When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to human beings in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R) I will bless the Lord at all times.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
praise shall be always in my mouth.
My soul will glory in the LORD
that the poor may hear and be glad.

(R) I will bless the Lord at all times.

Magnify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.
I sought the LORD, who answered me,
delivered me from all my fears.

(R) I will bless the Lord at all times.

Look to God that you may be radiant with joy
and your faces may not blush for shame.
In my misfortune I called, the LORD heard
and saved me from all distress.

(R) I will bless the Lord at all times.

The angel of the LORD, who encamps with them,
delivers all who fear God.
Learn to savor how good the LORD is;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

(R) I will bless the Lord at all times.

Fear the LORD, you holy ones;
nothing is lacking to those who fear him.
The powerful grow poor and hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

(R) I will bless the Lord at all times.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 18: 3-4

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Those who humble themselves like this child are the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

+ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (13: 44-46)

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord.