

Sunday, March 15, 2015

Readings: 1) 2 Chronicles 36:14-18a, 19-23 2) Ephesians 2:4-10 3) John 3:14-21

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today’s Mass is that we are a people saved from eternal death and brought to new life by Jesus.

In the first reading, the chosen people of God are free to return to Israel.

In Ephesians, we hear of God’s rich mercy.

Jesus teaches in the Gospel that God sent him as a sacrifice to save us. He compares his being lifted up on the cross to the bronze serpent lifted by Moses to heal the Israelites.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

Trusting in the Father’s love and mercy, let us bring our prayers and petitions to him.

**For the Church,
as her members work to grow in faith, do good works.**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For leaders of all nations,
as they strive to promote peace and respect the dignity of all peoples.**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the sick and the suffering.
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all our faithful dead.
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the members of this faith community,
as we are ever mindful of our need to depend on God day by day,**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions, (long pause),
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Loving Father, rich in mercy, please hear and answer our prayers. We present them to you through Christ our Lord.