

The Fourth Sunday of Lent**Year C**

Sunday, March 06, 2016

Readings: 1) Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 2) 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 3) Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is that we are called to foster unity, peace and reconciliation in the world.

The first reading tells of the Israelites celebrating the Passover when they entered the Promised Land. The second reading reminds us that we are called to work to foster unity and peace in the world. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the prodigal son, which reminds us that God loves us unconditionally and is ever-willing to forgive us.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**PRIEST:**

Confident in the abiding mercy of the Father, let us turn to him with our petitions.

**For all members of the Church,
may they serve as examples of reconciliation,
and will renew their efforts to bring peace to divided families,
cities and countries,**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all nations torn by war or civil unrest,
may their citizens and leaders put aside differences and seek peace,**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who suffer in body or spirit;
may they know healing and freedom.**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all who have died
may they know the joy of eternal life with Jesus.**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all who are new to our community,
may they find support and welcome here,**
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:

**Heavenly Father, hear the prayers of your children,
and answer them according to your will.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.**