

SAINT JOSEPH HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Dear St. Joseph, pure and gentle,
Guardian of the Saviour child,
Treading with the virgin mother,
Egypt's deserts rough and wild.

*Hail, St. Joseph, spouse of Mary,
Blessed above all saints on high,
When the death-shades round us gather,
Teach, oh, teach us how to die.*

2. He who rested on thy bosom
Is by countless saints adored;
Prostrate angels in His presence
Sing hosannas to their Lord.
3. Now to thee no gift refusing,
Jesus stoops to hear thy prayer;
Then, dear saint, from thy fair dwelling,
Give to us a father's care.



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16
The Lord will give him the throne of his ancestor David.

The word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: When your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. (It is he who shall build a house for my name, and I will make his royal throne secure for ever.) I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.' '

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29, R) v. 37

R. His dynasty shall last for ever.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' (R.)
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

4:13, 16-18, 22

Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled, he hoped and he believed.

The promise of inheriting the world was not made to Abraham and his descendants on account of any law but on account of the righteousness which consists in faith. That is why what fulfils the promise depends on faith, so that it may be a free gift and be available to all of Abraham's descendants, not only those who belong to the Law but also those who belong to the faith of Abraham who is the Father of all of us. As scripture says: I have made you the ancestor of many nations - Abraham is our father in the eyes of God, in whom he put his faith, and who brings the dead to life and calls into being what does not exist.

Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled, he hoped and he believed, and through doing so he did become the father of many nations exactly as he had been promised: Your descendants will be as many as the stars. This is the faith that was 'considered as justifying him'.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 83:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

1:16, 18-21, 24

Joseph did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do.

Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary; of her was born Jesus who is called Christ.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be

afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do.

The Gospel of the Lord.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(All bow)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead,

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

- 1. We are gathering together unto him (2)
Unto him shall the gath'ring of the people be.
We are gathering together unto him.
- 2. We are offering together unto him.... (2)
- 3. We are singing together unto him.... (2)
- 4. We are praying together unto him.... (2)

COMMUNION HYMNS

- 1. Love is his word, love is his way
feasting with men, fasting alone.
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.*
- 2. Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the Twelve,
love, only love, is his mark.
- 3. Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood,"
love, only love, is his sign.
- 4. Love is his sign, love is his news,
"Do this," he said, "lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood"
love, only love, is his news..



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*Whatsoever you do to the least of my people,  
that you do unto me.*

- 1. When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.  
When I was thirsty, you gave me to drink.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.
- 2. When I was homeless, you opened your door.  
When I was naked, you gave me your coat.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.
- 3. When I was weary, you helped me find rest.  
When I was anxious, you calmed all my fears.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.
- 4. When in a prison, you came to my cell.  
When on a sickbed, you cared for my needs.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.
- 5. When I was aged you bothered to smile.  
When I was restless you listened and cared.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.
- 6. When I was laughed at you stood by my side.  
When I was happy you shared in my joy.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

- 1. Joseph was an honest man,  
he was an honest man.  
He pleased the Lord in all his ways  
because he was an honest man.  
And God said: 'I am choosing you,  
because you are an honest man,  
to care for the one who'll bear my Son,  
because you are an honest man.
- 2. Joseph was a faithful man,  
he was a faithful man.  
He kept the trust the Lord had given  
because he was a faithful man.  
He cared for Mary and her Son,  
because he was a faithful man,  
through days of pain and days of fun,  
because he was a faithful man.

**PRAYER FOR THE NEW CHURCH  
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL - ABU DHABI**

Oh merciful God, creator of heaven and earth, we give you thanks and honor, for the grace you have showered upon your people, of all nations and races, to come together in love and unity, to worship you in this place and to live in harmony. Oh Lord, bless this nation and its rulers for allowing us to build new structures to gather in your name. We humbly pray, grant us the material resources and expertise to build these new and worthy places of worship. Lord, may these ventures be filled with the power of your Holy Spirit that nothing comes in the way of its fulfillment. Lord, bless and protect all those whose generosity and hard work accompany these projects. Mother Mary, warm the hearts of everyone involved in building a house to worship your son! St. Joseph Patron of our Parish, Pray for us Glory be.....