

CALL TO PRAYER

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment, and listen attentively to this week's passage.



THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "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 little ones. 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 yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord

FAITH SHARING

Questions of the Week

Choose one

1. When you are generous, honest, and loving, how do you know it is Jesus who helps you do that?
2. Jesus invites us to bring him our burdens and promises us that he will give us rest. How do you rely on Jesus during times of trouble? When has Jesus helped you?
3. As you go about your daily life, dying in love for others, how do you experience Christ giving you consolation and peace?



CLOSING PRAYER

Father, through the obedience of Jesus, your servant and your Son, you raised a fallen world. Free us from sin and bring us the joy that lasts for ever. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

GOSPEL WORD SEARCH

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| HEART | REVEALED |
| HEAVEN | WISHES |
| HIDDEN | YOKE |
| HUMBLE | |

GOSPEL GLOSSARY

To labor means to work very hard.

Burdened means overworked and tired.

A **yoke** is a harness for an animal that works on a farm.