



Our Liturgy theme is

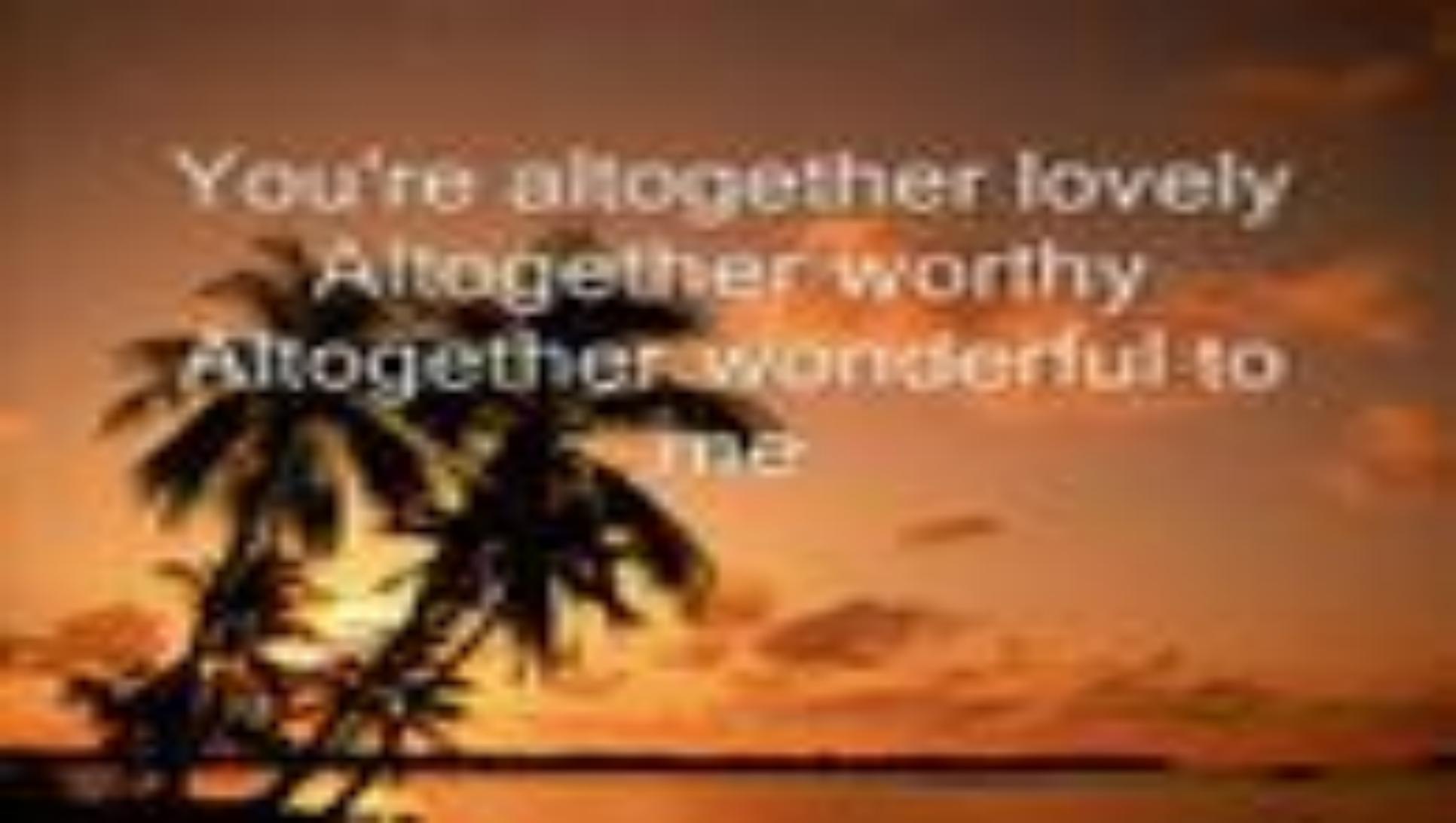
*Keep
Praying*



Peace be with you
And with your spirit

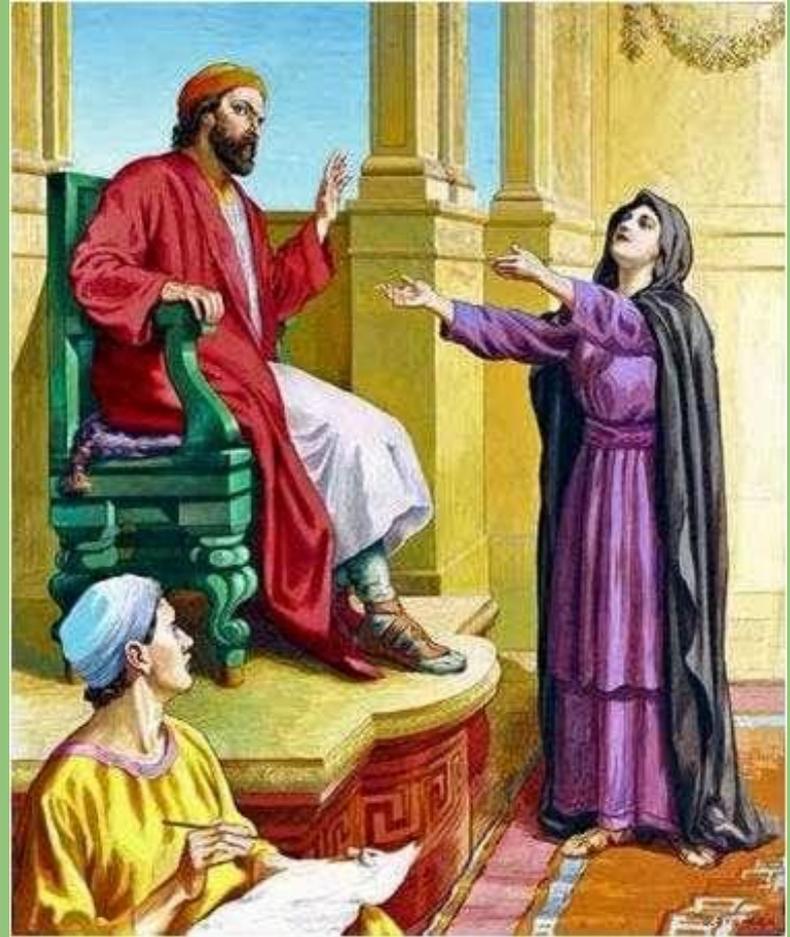


We light our candle to remind us of Christ's
presence with us as we gather
+ In the name of the Father ...

A tropical sunset scene with palm trees and a beach. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and red, with some clouds. The palm trees are dark silhouettes against the bright sky. The beach is visible at the bottom of the frame.

You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to
me

Today we hear about a bad judge and a widow who would not give up. Jesus teaches us the importance of justice, of praying and of never giving up hope.



Opening Prayer

God of justice and wisdom, help us to keep on praying and never to doubt that you will be with us always. Amen.

Amen.

Lord Jesus,
You ask us to put others before ourselves. For the
times we have turned away from God and been selfish.
Lord, have mercy...

Christ Jesus,
You teach us to forgive others when they have done
wrong. For the times we have not forgiven others.
Christ, have mercy...

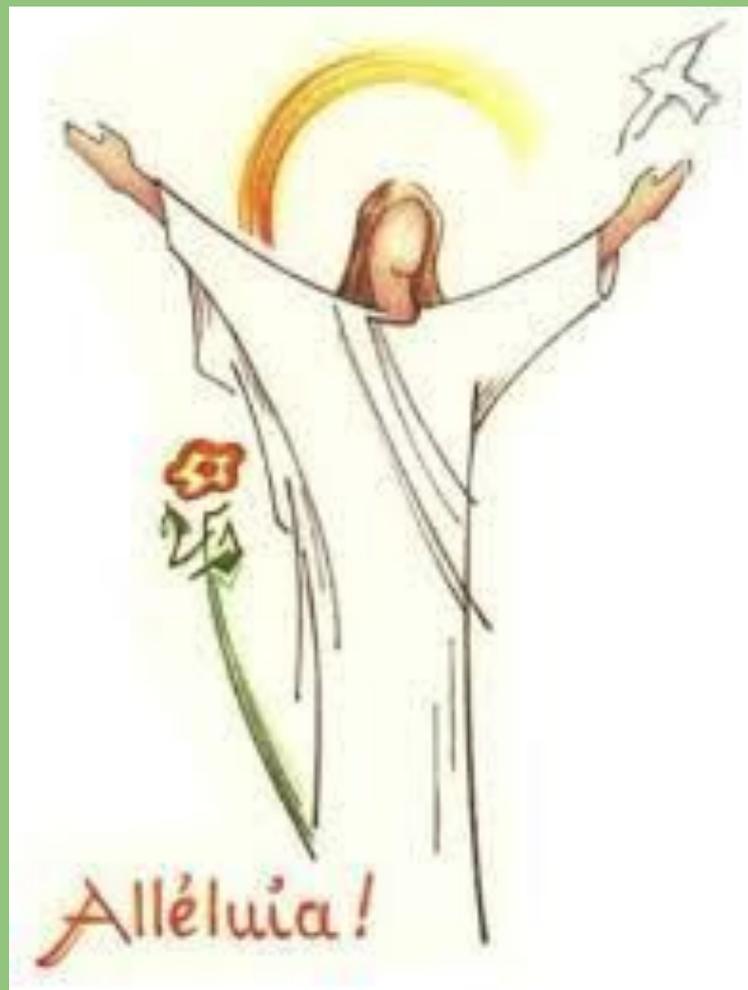
Lord Jesus,
You have called us to have a change in heart and try to
be loving to everyone. For the times when we have not
done this.
Lord, have mercy...



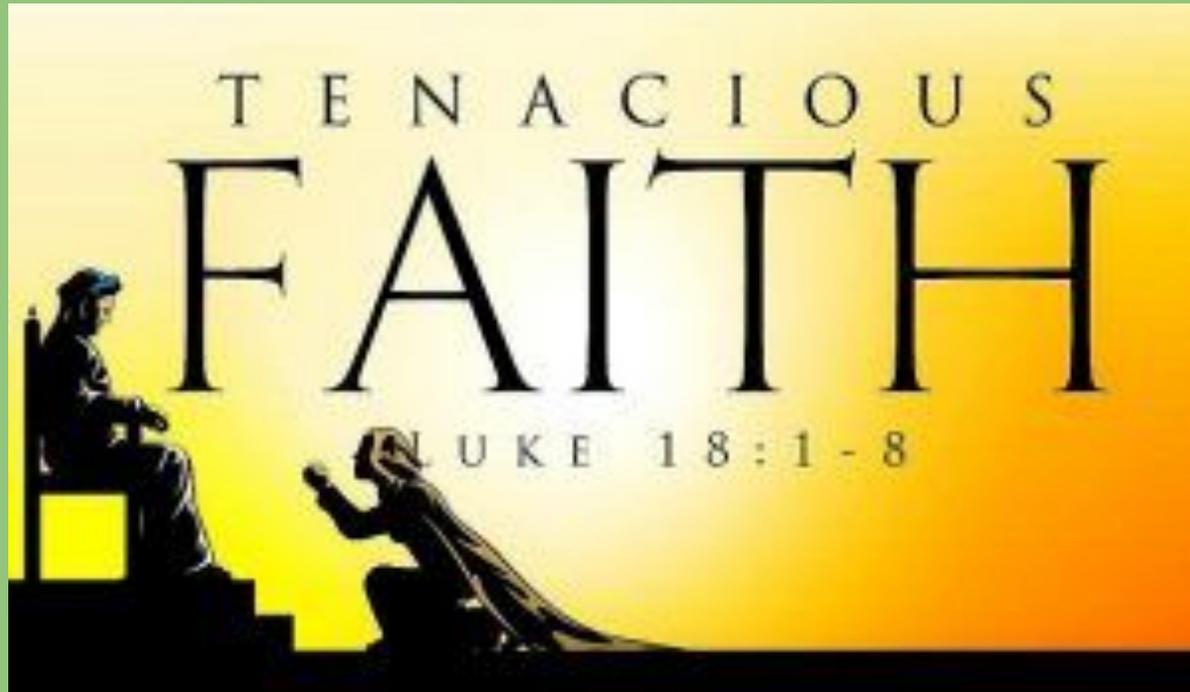
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A reading from the Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord



Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged. “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. And there was a widow in that same town who kept coming to him and pleading for her rights, saying, ‘Help me against my opponent!’ For a long time the judge refused to act, but at last he said to himself, ‘Even though I don't fear God or respect people, yet because of all the trouble this widow is giving me, I will see to it that she gets her rights. If I don't, she will keep on coming and finally wear me out!’”

And the Lord continued, “Listen to what that corrupt judge said. Now, will God not judge in favour of his own people who cry to him day and night for help? Will he be slow to help them? I tell you, he will judge in their favour and do it quickly. But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when he comes?”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Time to reflect on God's words for us
today.



Reflection on the Gospel

Jesus tells us a story about a bad judge and a widow who wants justice – who wants what is right.

Judges are supposed to be fair and honest, but this isn't always the case. The prophets in the Bible were always getting angry with bad judges who thought more about themselves than about the people who needed their help. If the judges didn't sort out the problems fairly, then people would suffer again and again.

Can you think of things that seem unfair to you? How do you feel when someone has treated you unfairly?

Reflection on the Gospel

The widow was ignored by the law, but she didn't give up. She just kept asking the judge to make things right. Eventually, just to get rid of her, he gave her what she wanted, justice. Her prayers were finally answered.

Why do you think Jesus told us this story? What does he want us to understand?

The widow is like us - we call to God in our prayers to give us what we need and want.

Reflection on the Gospel

Jesus says that God hears the cries of all who call out to him day and night. God will certainly answer our prayers, even if it's not in the way that we expect.

How does it make you feel to know that God always hears you when you pray?

There are many things that are unfair in our world. And there are many people, like the widow in the story, who struggle to make their voices heard.

We can pray for these people, but we also have to do what we can to make sure all people are treated fairly. Who knows, we might even be the answer to someone's prayers!

Bidding Prayers

Let us pray together to God for a fairer world:

We pray for the Church: that it may stand up for what is right and never stay silent when people are treated unfairly. **Lord in your mercy...**

We pray for people in our community and around the world who are struggling to get enough food: that God may give us all strength to work together for a fairer world where everyone has enough. **Lord, in your mercy...**

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may show kindness, fairness and justice in our hearts and in our homes. **Lord in your mercy...**

In the quiet of our hearts let's say our own prayer to God. We ask you Mother Mary to pray with us as we say:



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is
with thee,
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for
us sinners now and at the hour of
our death.

Amen

Closing Prayer

God who always hears us, help us to make a change when we see something that is not right in our world. May we find strength to keep going, even if at first we are not heard.

Amen

Our faith in action



Last week, we were focusing on the Gospel Value of **compassion** and the Virtue of **justice**. We celebrated those children who had shown them through their actions and choices.

Our Gospel Value this week is **kindness**.

- Open a door for someone
- Give a hug or compliment
- Check-in on others

Our Virtue this week is **fortitude**.

- Be resilient and don't give up
- Be brave and challenge yourself

May God bless us with his mercy,
strengthen us with his love, and
enable us to walk in charity and
peace.

THANKS BE TO GOD

+ In the name of the Father ...



