

Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father

Concluding Prayer

Loving God, You are our model and guide, we long for the spiritual and physical food that will bring us to that heavenly banquet that we can all share and celebrate. Help us now to go forth from here, knowing that you will help us with the opportunity we have to strive for both academic excellence and fullness of heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord

All: Amen



“What Do We Say?”

Sept. 11, 2009

Opening Prayer/Liturgy



Opening Song

Table of Plenty Daniel L. Shutte

Chorus

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty

God will provide for all that we need

Here at the table of plenty

1. O come and sit at my table
Where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
To share the cup of my love.

2. O come and eat without money,
Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
With faith and fullness of life.

3. My bread will ever sustain you
Through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
To flood the depths of your soul.

Gathering Prayer

God of all wisdom and love, As we begin this day and continue in this new school year together, we ask for your special blessing and guidance on each of one of us here. In our search for the full meaning of truth and knowledge, guide our quest to understand how we can best learn and teach the lessons you would have our students understand. Feed us with the desire for both spiritual and physical nourishment not only for today but for the entire school year ahead. We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son. **Amen**

Scripture Reading Mt.15:32-39

But Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I feel sorry for all these people: they have been with me for three days now and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them off hungry, or they might collapse on the way.” The disciples said to him, “Where in a deserted place could we get sufficient bread for such a large crowd to have enough to eat?” Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said “seven and a few small fish”. Then he instructed the crowd to sit down on the ground, and he took the seven loaves and the fish, and after giving thanks, he broke them and began handing them to the disciples, who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected what was left of the scraps, seven baskets full. Now four thousand men had eaten, to say nothing of the women and children. And when he sent the crowds away, he got into the boat and went off to the territory of Magadan.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

General Intercessions

Prayer Response: Lord, Hear our Prayer

Side 1 Loving God, just as you lead by your example the desire to multiply and feed the larger crowds when needed, help us as well to provide in abundance the academic and spiritual nourishment we need to learn and provide this year. We pray to the Lord.

Side 2 May we strive to not only seek the best knowledge to help our students, but strive to find the most effective way to share our learning’s with each child placed in our care. We pray to the Lord.

Side 1 As we gather to work and collaborate together today, help to offer and support each other with the talents and gifts that each one of us bring to the teaching profession. We pray to the Lord.

Side 2 Please help us not to forget the joy and fun of the classroom, that in our desire to bring the best of learning to our students, we may also celebrate the giftedness of our students and the uniqueness that each of them brings to our day. We pray to the Lord.

All: Amen

