

First Reader: **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS**

When Joseph realized his brothers who did not recognize him were standing before him, he was overcome with emotion and asked everyone to leave. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph. Is my father doing well?" They did not answer out of fear. Joseph said to them, "Come close to me. I am your brother Joseph. I am the one you sold as a slave to Egypt. Now don't be worried. Don't be angry with yourselves for what you did. It was God's plan for me to come here. I am here to save people's lives. This terrible famine has continued for two years now, and there will be five more years without planting or harvest. So God sent me here ahead of you so that I can save your people in this country. Joseph said, "Hurry up and go to my father. Tell him his son Joseph sent this message: 'God made me the governor of Egypt. So come here to me quickly. Don't wait.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: **Responding by half verse:**

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.

Prayers of the People:

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.