

# **SAINT JOSEPH FREINADEMETZ**

*Priest*

## **Memorial**

### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the Gospel. (*1 Cor 9:22-23*)**

### **COLLECT**

**Almighty and merciful God, your Spirit impelled your priest Saint Joseph Freinademetz to bring the good news of salvation to the people of China. Aided by his prayers, may all come to know Jesus and the power of his cross and resurrection. May they profess belief in him as their Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

### **FIRST READING**

*He has appointed me as a minister of Jesus Christ to make the gentiles acceptable as an offering*

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans*

*15:13 -19a, 20-21*

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. I myself am convinced about you, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able to admonish one another. But I have written to you rather boldly in some respects to remind you, because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in performing the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering up of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.**

**In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to boast in what pertains to God. For I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to lead the Gentiles to obedience by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit (of God).**

Thus I aspire to proclaim the gospel not where Christ has already been named, so that I do not build on another's foundation, but as it is written: Those who have never been told of him shall see, and those who have never heard of him shall understand.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 98:1,2-3. 3-4. 5-6*

**R:** All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. **R.**

The Lord has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise. **R.**

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the Lord. **R.**

## ALLELUIA

*See Luke 4:18-19*

**R:** Alleluia.

The Lord has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

**R:** Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

*The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.*

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to

**After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.**

**'Into whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this household. If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**Most loving God, give to us who offer these gifts at your altar the same spirit of love that filled Saint Joseph. By celebrating this sacred Eucharist may we offer a sacrifice pleasing to you. Grant this through Christ our Lord.**

## **PREFACE**

*Witness of God's love and of the mission of the Church*

**Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks. You give us the joy of celebrating the feast (memorial) of St. Joseph Freinademetz, Priest according to your heart and zealous missionary of the Chinese people.**

**In his unshakeable faith you offer us sure light for our steps. In his unfailing love you show us the path of the Gospel which unites races, cultures and nations. With serene strength he embraced the cross, trusting in the pierced heart of your Son from which you gave birth to the Church, mother of new nations and guardian of the lowly and marginalized. With steadfast love we sing your unending praise; we join with the angels and saints in heaven in their triumphant song:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

### **COMMUNION RITE**

**I will gladly spend myself and be spent for your sakes. (2 Cor 12:15)**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Lord, by the sacrament of the Eucharist which we have received, and by the example and missionary zeal of Saint Joseph Freinademetz, make us strong in the Spirit so that we may offer faithful witness to the truth of your Gospel. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**

