

LITANY OF WELCOME

Who are you?

Are you married with kids, worrying for them and committed to their welfare?

Are you divorced?

Are you married for the second, or even the third time?

Are you a single parent struggling to make ends meet?

Are you gay or lesbian, bi or trans?

Well, whoever you are, you belong to us and you belong here because you belong to Christ. Christ is the host here today. And Christ welcomes all.

Are you lonely?

Are you a widow?

Are you a single man or woman who would prefer to have a spouse?

Are you disabled or disfigured?

Have you run out of luck?

Are you living with shame?

Have you been a prisoner?

Well, if you are, you belong to us and you belong here because you belong to Christ. Christ is the host here today. Christ sets this table and Christ welcomes all.

Are you struggling financially?

Are you unemployed?

Does your life seem flat?

Is your faith on a slow-down?

Have you been a victim of abuse or violence?

Are you homeless or hopeless?

Well, if you are, you belong to us and you belong here because you belong to Christ. Christ is the host here today. Christ sets this table and Christ welcomes all.

Are you a newcomer in this parish?

An immigrant maybe?

Are you a guest or visitor?

Are you perhaps full of doubt today, like Thomas?
Has it been a while since you darkened the doorway of this or any church?

Or are you a regular here, full of faith and enthusiasm for the parish?

Well, whoever you are, you belong to us because you belong to Christ. Christ is the host here today. Christ sets this table of Word and Sacrament. And Christ welcomes all.

All people of good will are welcome here: that's the *really* good news!

If you've been away, you can come back;
if you've been living in darkness, you can come to the light;
if you haven't been able to believe without seeing Christ, look around you: the Body of Christ has come to Mass today. Sinners are welcome. Saints, too.

Everyone is welcome to come to Christ!

Our Lord and our God indeed.

Let us celebrate,

Let us come to Christ!