

Singing Our Faith
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 5, 2017

Simply by their titles, it's evident that the hymns "[Praise to the Lord, The Almighty](#)" and "[O God Beyond All Praising](#)" give praise to God our Father and Creator. **You can click on each title above to hear an excellent recording** – my offering to you for your prayer of thanksgiving in preparation for this weekend's Mass.

The praise of God is an underlying theme of the readings this weekend. In the first reading, the disobedient priests are instructed to love and fear the Lord, as the prophet Malachi proclaims, *"A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations...Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us?"* The responsorial psalm responds to this reading by saying, *"In you, O Lord, I have found my peace."* This reminds us that unity with God is the only true solace in our chaotic lives. Honor of God is also echoed in the gospel as Jesus says to his disciples, *"Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ."*

As we gather this weekend to celebrate the Eucharist, let us remember to give God the glory and honor he deserves by lifting our minds and hearts to him in prayer, and singing his praises as one body of Christ.

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