

Hosanna

OUR FATHER

[St Ignace]
Wherever you go

One of the very first Christian writers has left us 7 letters written only a few decades after the death of Christ's own 12 apostles, and quite possibly while one of them was still alive. He's Ignatius, ^{the} was the immediate or the second successor of St Peter as Bishop of Antioch. He was Syrian, it seems: and those 7 letters of his have an important place in the history of Christianity, naturally, and are also important for the understanding of our faith, our Christian commitment, and of the body of Christ we belong to in the Church. He wrote them while he was being taken to Rome as a man condemned to provide public amusement for a Roman holiday, by being fed to the starved lions in a public arena. And that's how he died, about the year 107, at probably one of the early "staves" in the newly-built Colosseum which still stands. One of his letters was to the Christians of Rome: and as the Church marks his festival day tomorrow, I thought I'd read you a little bit from that letter, as something to reflect on and to help your prayer - an example of how one of our earliest Christian ancestors saw the meaning of his faith and understood the fate that awaited him. QQ. Brew. 17 Oct.

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1490-1520

And a hymn now, an appropriate one, Ave Verum corpus, by Jacques Dupré

MUSIC

PRAYERS

And from the end of another letter of St Ignatius. QQ. Brew. p621

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