

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Entrance Hymn: "Christ Be Our Light" (Bernadette Farrell)

1. *Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people, light for the world to see.*

R. *Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your Church gathered today.*

2. *Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us Your living voice. R.*

Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God,
heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm: *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

Second Reading: Romans 8: 18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to Him will have life forever.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Homily

Creed

*I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.*

*I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.*

*For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.*

*I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Universal Prayer: Our response is "Lord, hear our prayer."

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Instrumental Offertory Hymn

Communion Rite

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:
By Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Communion Hymn: "Psalm 84: How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place" (Michael Joncas)
R. *How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord, God of hosts.*

Concluding Rites

Instrumental Recessional Hymn

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

*Father, in Your plan for salvation, You provide shepherds for Your people.
Fill Your Church with the spirit of courage and love.
Raise up worthy ministers for Your altars, and ardent, but gentle, servants of the gospel.
Bless our Archdiocese with numerous vocations to the sacred priesthood.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You
And the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Act of Spiritual Communion (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

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