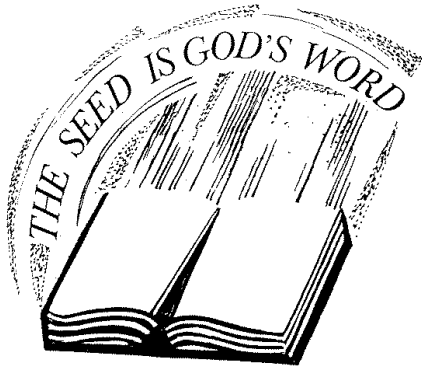


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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

16 July 2023

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Bring forth the Kingdom (854) verses 1-3

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.**

Collect

God of the heavens, God of the earth,
all creation awaits your gift of new life.
Prepare our hearts to receive the word of your Son,
that his gospel may grow within us
and yield a harvest that is a hundredfold.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(Isaiah 55: 10-11)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65

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

- 1 You have visited the land and watered it;
greatly have you enriched it.
God's watercourses are filled;
you have prepared the grain.
- 2 Thus have you prepared the land:
drenching its furrows,
breaking up its clods,
Softening it with showers,
blessing its yield.

Second Reading

(Romans 8: 18-23)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Matthew 13: 1-9)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up

straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Song: O the word of my Lord (979)

Eucharistic Prayer

Mass of Hope – Bernadette Farrell (559)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Holy Lord, Holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he
who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Mystery of Faith

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

Sign of Peace

Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Communion Song

耶穌基督是生命源 我主基督是活流泉
凡是喝過這水的人 將永不感口渴
絕對不需再怕渴 當真不必再怕渴
確是終身得甘飴 真正終身不欠缺
主曾說過 人將永遠不再感口渴

We are feeding on the living bread,
eating of the feast our Lord has spread,
and whoso eateth, Jesus said,
shall hunger nevermore.
What, hunger nevermore? Yes, hunger nevermore!
What, hunger nevermore? Yes, hunger nevermore!
And whoso eateth, Jesus said,
shall hunger nevermore.

在曠野裏綠茵線延 沙丘之中出活靈泉
請用活水灌我心田 使永不感乾涸
絕對不需再怕渴 當真不必再怕渴
確是終身得甘飴 真正終身不欠缺
主曾說過 人將永遠不再感口渴

We are breathing in the living air,
breathing in the One whose life we share,
And whoso breatheth - now, fore'er -
shall have the life of God.
What, have the life of God? Yes, have the life of God!
What, have the life of God? Yes, have the life of God!
And whoso breatheth - now, fore'er -
shall have the life of God.

若你覺渴請近源頭 若你覺渴可以暢盡求
活水將化作永生流 使永不感口渴
絕對不需再怕渴 當真不必再怕渴
確是終身得甘飴 真正終身不欠缺
主曾說過 人將永遠不再感口渴

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Prayer after Communion

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,
that, by our participation in this mystery,
its saving effects upon us may grow.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Final Song

Love divine (801)

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