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GROWING IN FAITH, ENRICHED BY GOD'S WORD

Today, the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Isaiah reminds us that the Word of God never returns to Him empty. In the Gospel, Jesus' Parable of the Sower teaches that only those who trust, understand, and love God's Word with all their heart, soul, and strength become rich soil where His words can grow. May Jesus, in this Eucharist, enrich our hearts so that like the rich soil we may bear a bountiful harvest of mercy and compassion.



INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no entrance hymn is sung.)

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory. *(Cf. Ps. 17 (16): 15)*

GREETING

P – The Lord be with you.
All – And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P – Gathered together as God's family let us realize our need to be forgiven and strengthened by His grace. (Pause)

P – For the times we have neglected to nourish ourselves at the Table of God's Word, Lord, have mercy.

All – Lord, have mercy.

P – For the times we have prevented the power of God's Word to bear fruit in our lives, Christ, have mercy.

All – Christ, have mercy.

P – For the times we have neglected to share God's Word with our neighbor and have failed to proclaim it with lives of authentic Christian commitment, Lord, have mercy.

All – Lord, have mercy.

P – May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All – Amen.

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GLORIA

All – 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 (OPENING PRAYER)

P –O God, who show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all, who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians,
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the
name of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honor.
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.
All–Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading

Is 55:10-11

R –A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Isaiah

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.”**

The word of the Lord.

All –Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

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

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The seed that falls on good ground



will yield a fruit-ful har-vest!

- * You have visited the land and watered it;
greatly have you enriched it.
God’s watercourses are filled;
you have prepared the grain. **R.**
- * Thus have you prepared the land: drenching
its furrows,
breaking up its clods,
softening it with showers,
blessing its yield. **R.**
- * You have crowned the year with your
bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich
harvest;
the untilled meadows overflow with it,
and rejoicing clothes the hills. **R.**
- * The fields are garmented with flocks
and the valleys blanketed with grain.
They shout and sing for joy. **R.**

2nd Reading

Rom 8:18-23

R –A reading from the Letter of Paul to the
Romans

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.

The word of the Lord.

All –Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All–Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the
sower.

All who come to him will have life forever.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 13:1-23

P –The Lord be with you.

All –And with your spirit.

P –A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew

All –Glory to you, O Lord.

**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.”

The disciples approached him and said,

“Why do you speak to them in parables?”

He said to them in reply,

**“Because knowledge of the mysteries of
the kingdom of heaven
has been granted to you, but to them it
has not been granted.**

**To anyone who has, more will be given and he
will grow rich;**

**from anyone who has not, even what he
has will be taken away.**

**This is why I speak to them in parables,
because**

***they look but do not see and hear but do
not listen or understand.***

**Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which
says:**

***You shall indeed hear but not understand,
you shall indeed look but never see.***

***Gross is the heart of this people,
they will hardly hear with their ears,
they have closed their eyes,
lest they see with their eyes
and hear with their ears***

***and understand with their hearts and be
converted, and I heal them.***

**“But blessed are your eyes, because they see,
and your ears, because they hear.**

**Amen, I say to you, many prophets and
righteous people**

**longed to see what you see but did not see
it,**

**and to hear what you hear but did not
hear it.**

“Hear then the parable of the sower.

**The seed sown on the path is the one
who hears the word of the kingdom
without understanding it,
and the evil one comes and steals away
what was sown in his heart.**

**The seed sown on rocky ground
is the one who hears the word and
receives it at once with joy.**

**But he has no root and lasts only for a time.
When some tribulation or persecution comes
because of the word,**

**but then worldly anxiety and the lure of
riches choke the word
and it bears no fruit.**

**But the seed sown on rich soil
is the one who hears the word and
understands it,
who indeed bears fruit and yields a
hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.

All–Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)

**All – 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, *(bow)*
** 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.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

P –God is the Divine Sower. Let us pray that our hearts become good soil, ready to receive His Word and bear good fruits. We pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

All– Lord, hear our prayer.

C –For the Pope, bishops, priests, deacons, and all those who are in the ministry of the Word, may they continue to share God’s Word with love and never grow tired. We pray. **R.**

C –For world leaders, may they govern wisely and protect the dignity of all, especially the poor and those who suffer injustice. We pray. **R.**

C –For our parish community, may we respond with true charity to the needs of others and the cries of the poor. We pray. **R.**

C –For the youth, may they firmly resist the lure of wealth and worldly attractions, give time to listen to the Word of God, and grow strong in faith. We pray. **R.**

P –Heavenly Father, you make the soil bear fruit. Hear our prayers, soften our hearts, and enable your Word grow in us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All– Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

P –Pray, brethren . . .

All –May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P –Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord,
as she makes her prayer to you,
and grant that, when consumed by those who believe,
they may bring ever greater holiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

All– Amen.

PREFACE VI

P –The Lord be with you.

All– And with your spirit.

P –Lift up your hearts.

All– We lift them up to the Lord.



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P –Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All– It is right and just.

P –It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in you we live and move and have our being, and while in this body

we not only experience the daily effects of your care,

but even now possess the pledge of life eternal.

For, having received the first fruits of the Spirit, through whom you raised up Jesus from the dead, we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal Mystery.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration, we acclaim:

All – Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P –The mystery of faith.

All– We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

All– Our Father . . .

P– Deliver us, Lord . . .

All –For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All–Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

COMMUNION

P –Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All – Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no Communion hymn is sung.)

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.

(Cf. Ps 84 (83):4-5)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P –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.

All–Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

P –The Lord be with you.

All–And with your spirit.

P –May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All–Amen.

P–Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All–Thanks be to God.



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