

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME < A

July 15 - 16, 2023

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Intercessions: For the Church

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy

For the Dead

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

In Communion with the Saints

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Blessed Joseph, her spouse, with the Blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Concluding Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever, and ever.

Amen

Communion Rite

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People:

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

Sign Of Peace

Priest : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your

Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People : **Amen**

Priest : The peace of the Lord be with you always

People : **And with your Spirit.**

Priest : Let us offer each other the sign of peace

Breaking of the Bread

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

Have mercy on us.

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

Have mercy on us.

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

Grant us peace.

Reception of Communion

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Priest : 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.

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

Priest : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Priest : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Communion

Prayer after Communion

[Saving Effects]

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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.

General Announcements

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Blessing

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The Lord entrusts to you His Word and His Body. Go now, speak His Word and be His Body to the world. That you may be a blessing to all. **R/ Amen.**

May the Lord bless you: the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **R/ Amen.**

Go in the peace of the Lord, to bear fruits abundantly.

R/ Thanks be to God.

MC: Greeting

Entrance song

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Introduction by the Celebrant

ENTRANCE ANT. [God's Face]

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

Penitential Act

We hear the word of God often, we respect it, but we do not always live by it. We ask the Lord to forgive us:

(pause)

Jesus, living Word of God, touch our minds and hearts that we may live as you ask us: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, powerful Word of God, give us depth and faithfulness, that your message may not wither in us: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Jesus, humble Word of God, make us receptive to you and to your message of life: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, in your goodness speak to us your mighty word of forgiveness, and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest

C: Collect [Right Path]

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. **R/ Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

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First Reading Is 55:10-11 [God's Fruitful Word]

Isaiah uses the example of rain and snow seeping into the ground to make it fertile to show how the word of God filters into the hearts of men. It shall not be void and empty.

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.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65 [A Fruitful Harvest]

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

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.)**

Second Reading Rom 8:18-23 [Future Redemption of the Body]

The sufferings and trials of the present are destined to be only a prelude to the glorious future of the children of God. During this life we await the redemption of our bodies.

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him have life for ever.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

[Parable of the Sower]

Jesus teaches in parables that can be easily understood. He speaks of sowing the message of salvation which by some is heeded for a while, or ignored. Others, however, listen intently and try to live according to the will of God. Jesus explains this parable in detail.

R/ The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R/ 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 say:

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

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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, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears 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.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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I believe in God

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General Intercessions

Today, Christ tells us that we are soil for the divine seed, and the responsibility we have to prepare ourselves to receive God's grace and to respond to it:

(Pause)

For the Church that spreads the Word of Good News: that her Pastors, missionaries, catechists will keep sowing the seed with patience and faith, even when harvest is not yet in sight, but persevere until it's time for harvest. Let us pray:

Lord, may Your Word like rain coming down to water the soil of our souls

For us, the Christian communities, that we may not let the anxiety of today's world, overcome by global unrest, and the lures of worldly riches, to choke the Word of God in us, but to hold steadfast for the Word to take root in our hearts and lives. Let us pray:

Lord, may Your Word like rain coming down to water the soil of our souls

For the sick, the lonely, the down-trodden and those who suffer or mourn, that the Word of God may bring them consolation, and give them strength to face the challenges and to keep their faith in our loving and merciful God. Let us pray:

Lord, may Your Word like rain coming down to water the soil of our souls

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace to live out the Word of God in its richness and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray:

Lord, may Your Word like rain coming down to water the soil of our souls

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions ...

(Pause)

Let us pray:

Lord, may Your Word like rain coming down to water the soil of our souls

Loving Father, may Your Word not return to You without fulfilling Your Will for us. And blessed are You, O' Lord, who sow Your Word in our hearts, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SL: Offertory hymn

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Bread

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Preparation of the Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Invitation To Prayer

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Priest : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People : 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 [Greater Holiness]

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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.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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Introductory Dialogue The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just

Preface II of the Sundays in Ordinary Time

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, through Christ our Lord.

For out of compassion for the waywardness that is ours, he humbled himself and was born of the Virgin; by the passion of the Cross he freed us from unending death, and by rising from the dead he gave us life eternal.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Eucharistic Prayer No.2

KNEEL

Praise to the Father

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Supper

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest : The mystery of faith.

All : When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

The Memorial Prayer

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.