

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Liturgical Colour: Green.

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16:15

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

Collect

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 honour.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 64(65):10-14

*R/ Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its
crop.*

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. *R/*
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. *R/*

3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. *R/*
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. *R/*

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

Gospel Acclamation

1S3:9, Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Or:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
whoever finds this seed will remain for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

Prayer over the Offerings

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.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

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.

Or:

Jn 6: 57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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.

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