



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf Psalm 16:15*

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

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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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55:10-11*

The rain makes the earth give growth.

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.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 64:10-14 response Luke 8:8*

**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.
- 2 And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth.
- 3 You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.
- 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.

SECOND READING *Romans 8:18-23*

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.

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.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *1 Samuel 3:9, John 6:68*

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 13:1-23 Shorter form (omitting oblique text): Matthew 13:1-9*

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

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

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the
lakeside, but such 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!'

*Then the disciples went up to him and
asked, 'Why do you talk to them in
parables?' 'Because,' he replied, 'the
mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are
revealed to you, but they are not revealed*

to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

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. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf Psalm 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 *John 6:57*

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

You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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. **Amen.**

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Psalm 53:6, 8

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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COLLECT

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.

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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Wisdom 12:13, 16–19

After sin you will grant repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but,

disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 85:5–6, 9–10, 15–16 response v 5

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

- O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.