

Church of St. Clare -- Worship Aid



The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 12, 2020

Opening Song: "Christ be our Light"

R. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

- 1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**
- 2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.**
- 3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.**
- 4. Longing for shelter, people are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.**
- 5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.**

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, 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, A-men. A-men.

1st Reading IS 55:10-11

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.

Psalm: "The Seed that Falls on Good Ground"

R. 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.
3. 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.
4. The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

2nd Reading ROM 8:18-23

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

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Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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The seed is the Word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever.

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Gospel Matthew MT 13:1-23 OR 13:1-9

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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, 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."

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Creed

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, 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 gloried, 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.

Petitions

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Presentation: "Seed, Scattered and Sown"

R. Seed scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown, bread broken and shared as one, the living bread of God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is shared by all; the living cup, the living bread of God.

- 1. Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord? Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?**
- 2. The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die. The seed within good ground will flower and have life.**
- 3. As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown, so may the church of God be gathered into one.**

Preface Acclamation

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. Hosanna in the high-est.

The Mystery of Faith

Priest: The mystery of faith.

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

Great Amen

R. A-men! A-men! A—men!

Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

Lamb of God

R. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion: "Your Words are Spirit and Life"

R. Your words are spirit and life, O Lord: richer than gold, stronger than death. Your words are spirit and life, O Lord; life everlasting.

1. God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul, reviving the weary spirit. God's rule can be trusted; bringing us wisdom, bringing God's wisdom to birth.
2. God's precepts keep us; their purpose is right. They gladden the hearts of people. God's command is so clear it brings us new vision; bringing God's light to our eyes.
3. Living by God's truth is holy and sure; God's presence is everlasting. God's truth is eternal, bringing us justice; bringing God's justice to earth.
4. God's word is precious, desired more than gold; worth more than we dare imagine and sweeter than honey, this word will feed us, bringing fulfillment and joy.

Closing: "For the Fruits of this Creation"

1. For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God; For the gifts of ev'ry nation, thanks be to God; For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labor, God's will be done; In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done; In the world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God; For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God; For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that will confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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