

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July 2020



OPENING HYMN

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth give growth.

PSALM RESPONSE: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening;
You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.

NICENE 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, (*as we say the words in italics, we 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.

OFFERTORY

O Christ, Thy gracious mercy be
to us, Thy lowly servants, shown,
for whom a Virgin Patroness
is pleading at Thy Father's throne.

Ye blessed hosts in circles nine
of serried row and bright array,
our present harms, as those to come
or past, confront and chase away.

Apostles, too, and Prophets, bid
the Judge Whom guile would never move
that seeing sinners' contrite tears,
He may to them His pity prove.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

As the congregation are unable to receive Holy Communion at this time, we are invited to pray a prayer 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

When the Patriarch was returning
Crown'd with triumph from the fray,
Him the peaceful king of Salem
Came to meet upon his way;
Meekly bearing Bread and Wine,
Holy Priesthood's awful sign.

On the truth thus dimly shadow'd
Later days a luster shed;
When the great High Priest eternal
Under forms of Wine and Bread,
For the world's immortal food
Gave His Flesh and gave His Blood.

Wond'rous gift! The Word who fashion'd
All things by His might divine,
Bread into His Body changes,
Into His own Blood the Wine;
What though sense no change perceives,
Faith admires, adores, believes.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance through all my days;
Thou, and Thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
Grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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